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EUROPEAN NEWS.

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A Movement to Make Maximilian Emperor of Austria.

The Imperial Military Scheme Unpopular in France.

Prussia Looking Sharply After Her New Hanoverian Subjects.

Prussian Naval Officers Coming to the United States.

Rumor that Gen. Prim has Again Entered Spain.

MAXIMILIAN.

The Austrian Army in Favor of Making Maximilian Emperor.

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

It is rumored that a strong feeling exists in the Austrian army in favor of making Maximilian Emperor of Austria.

Preparing for Maximilian's Departure From Mexico.

Brussels, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The *Independance Belge* to-day publishes a report that Marshal Bazaine has been ordered to enter into negotiations with the United States for the establishment of a suitable government to succeed that of Maximilian.

FRANCE.

The French Army Scheme.

Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 19—Noon.

The French Army scheme grows in disfavor among all classes of the people.

Farewell Dinner to Mr. Bigelow—The Emperor Expected to be Present.

Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A grand farewell dinner is to be given to Mr. Bigelow, the American Minister. The Emperor Napoleon is expected to be present.

PRUSSIA.

Naval Officers to be Sent to the United States.

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Government of Prussia has resolved to send a number of naval officers to the United States, to inquire into affairs connected with that service. The Commissioners will take their departure at an early day.

Arrest of Hanoverians.

Hamburg, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Thirty or forty Hanoverians were arrested in this city, this morning, while about to embark on the American steamer, to avoid serving in the Prussian army.

The North German Parliament.

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The German Parliament will be chosen by universal suffrage. The Federal army is to be under the command of Prussia.

Count Bismarck.

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Count Bismarck, by the advice of his physicians, has relinquished the Presidency of the Conference of the North German States in favor of Savigny.

A New Steamer Line.

Bremen, Wednesday, Dec. 19—Noon.

A new weekly steamship line between New-York and this city or Hamburg is now forming, under the most favorable auspices.

AUSTRIA.

Affairs in Croatia.

Vienna, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Diet of Croatia has voted in favor of a separate Administration.

SPAIN.

Gen. Prim Again in Spain.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

There is a rumor prevalent on the Continent that Gen. Prim, the noted insurrectionary leader, has reëntered Spain.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

London Money Market.

OPENING PRICES.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Consols for money, 89¾.

Erie Railway Shares	47¾
Illinois Central Shares	78
U. S. Five-Twenties	71¾

CLOSING PRICES.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19—Evening.

Consols close this evening at 89¾ for money.

The following are the closing quotations for American securities:

United States Five-Twenties	71¾
Illinois Central	77¾
Erie shares	48

American Securities at Frankfort.

Frankfort, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

United States Five-Twenties open steady at 75¾.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Cotton market opens buoyant. Sales to-day promise to reach 26,000 bales. Middling Uplands have advanced to 14¾.

Spinners and speculators are free buyers of Cotton. The stock on hand in the manufacturing districts is represented as being rapidly reduced, and cotton goods have an upward tendency.

Liverpool, Wednesday, Dec. 19—Evening.

The Cotton market to-day was very active, and transactions were quite large. Middling Uplands closed at 14¾d. ₰ lb. The sales of the day foot up 30,000 bales.

Petroleum Market.

Liverpool, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Petroleum market opens steady at 1s. 5d.

Antwerp, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Petroleum is firm at 54 francs.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A telegram from Frankfort quotes United States Five-twenties to-day at 75½.

Trade at Manchester.

Manchester, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

There is a marked improvement in the feeling here for both goods and yarns, and prices have an upward tendency.

MARINE.

Arrived Out and Sailed.

Liverpool, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Arrived, steamship *The Queen*, from New-York, and the ship *Favorita*, from San Francisco.

Sailed, the steamship *Chicago*, for New-York.

Southampton, Wednesday, Dec. 19—Evening.

The steamship *Germania*, which left New-York on Dec. 8, arrived to-day at this port, and after landing her English mails and passengers, proceeded to Hamburg.

WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The report that the Secretary of the Treasury intends to dismiss all the female clerks employed in that Department, has created a good deal of excitement, and, of course, enlisted corresponding hostility. I do not believe the Secretary will do anything of the sort—certainly not in so wholesale and summary a manner as is alleged. A Secretary who, at the beginning of Winter, should throw out of the only employment by which they live, six or seven hundred young women, would not only be guilty of the greatest cruelty and inhumanity, but would assume a responsibility for their fate under which he would scarcely rest easy. Women, it must be remembered, cannot readily find occupations which will give them a living. Nearly every avenue to an independent support is closed to them. Most of those employed in the Departments here have no other means of living. They are widows or daughters or relatives of soldiers who have fallen in the field, or are nurses who have served in the hospitals. Now to throw them suddenly out of the places where they earn a living, at the beginning of Winter, away from home, is simply to compel them to starve or suffer deprivations equivalent to starvation, or else embrace the only relief which always awaits their sex.

The only high public officer here who has been willing to assume such a responsibility, I believe, was Mr. Harlan. While Secretary of the Interior he dismissed over 100 women from that Department *summarily*, and, I believe, the reason he assigned was that their *morals* were in danger while thus employed. His excessive zeal for their morals showed itself by doing everything in his power to *compel* them to resort to immoral means of supporting life. Nobody but a man whose piety was so conspicuous as Mr. Harlan's, could possibly venture upon such a proceeding, or would take the risk of such results. If one half of the poor girls thus thrust into the street had yielded, under the sharp pressure of hunger and destitution, to the temptations which always under such circumstances stand in wait for them, Mr. Harlan's moral responsibility and actual guilt would have been, in my judgment, greater than theirs. But his ignominious dismissal of Walt Whitman, for having written poetry which he deemed "immoral," shows that he considers his shoulders quite broad enough to bear it. But Mr. McCulloch, I venture to say, is not likely to imitate his example.

There are practical difficulties, undoubtedly, connected with the employment of female clerks in the Departments. They cannot, it is alleged, be classified and paid at different rates—nor can they be easily dismissed if found incompetent, nor subjected, in other ways, to the discipline essential in such positions. They remonstrate, resist, protest and fight against everything of the kind—as only woman can, and the heads of Departments are naturally enough unwilling to expose themselves to such an incessant and resistless battery of female artillery.

There is no doubt, moreover, that the presence of women, especially as subordinates under men, tends to introduce a *favoritism* of a very peculiar character, to give it the mildest term. It is found, for example, that in a Bureau where ten women are employed, if it becomes necessary to reduce the force, the prettiest, and those who make themselves personally the most agreeable to the head of the Bureau, will be retained, no matter how pressing the necessities or how valuable the services of the plainer and less attractive may be. And there are, besides this, men—plenty of them—in office who, under these circumstances, will not hesitate to use their power for the basest and most selfish ends.

But I submit that the fault in all these respects rests with *the men* under whom these women are required to serve—and it is not just or fair to punish the women for *their* defects. If they have not decision enough to enforce their rules, even against the pressure of the women; and still more, if they are base enough to take advantage of their positions for selfish and base ends, *they* should give place to others. Let it be understood that rules are to be enforced, against women as well as men, and they must conform to business regulations, if they are to connect themselves with business affairs, and women will very soon accommodate themselves to these rules quite as well as men.

The main trouble in this, as in most matters relating to office, springs from *the active, persistent, overbearing interference of members of Congress.* Each member has come to consider all the appointments to office in his district, or *from* his district, in all Departments of the Government, foreign and domestic, as his own personal property. And two-thirds of the business of two-thirds of the members consists in visiting the Departments or the President and demanding appointments; and this has been, and still is especially the case in regard to the appointment of female clerks. If members of Congress would leave this whole matter to the heads of Departments, where it belongs, there would be little difficulty in disposing of it. It is universally conceded that the female clerks in all the departments perform their duties quite as faithfully and efficiently as do the men; and I have not the slightest doubt that the proportion of those whose morals are open to censure is not *one-tenth* as great among them as it is among the men. But it is one of our peculiar modes of showing our appreciation of women, to be a thousand-fold more exacting in regard to them than we are in regard to ourselves, especially in the matter of morality.

THE NEW-YORK BANK TAX CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT.

The New-York bank tax cases, which involve the question of the taxation of the shares of the National Banks when any portion of the capital is invested in Government securities which are exempt from taxation, is set down for argument in the Supreme Court to-morrow. The associated banks of New-York are plaintiffs in error, and the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments defendants in error. There is a showy array of counsel here on both sides, viz.: For the banks, Messrs. W. M. Evarts, John E. Burrill and B. D. Silliman; for the Commissioners, Messrs. Richard O'Gorman, Charles O'Conor, Waldo M. Hutchins and Amasa J. Parker. The banks are personally represented by F. A. Palmer, of the Broadway National, President, and J. U. Orvis, of the Ninth National, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

INCREASE OF THE CURRENCY.

It has been ascertained that a majority of the Committee on Banking and Currency are in favor of an increase of the currency by the issue of more legal tenders.

The proposition to base an increased currency on Government bonds will, it is believed, be approved.

PARDONS.

The President has directed a warrant of pardon to be issued to Hilaire Devault, convicted in September, 1866, in the United States District Court of Massachusetts of smuggling, and sentenced to pay a fine of $1,500; also, to Egisto Delaborne, convicted in February, 1866, in the United States District Court of New-Jersey of having in his possession counterfeit United States bank-notes, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

THE CASE OF THE PETERHOFF.

The Supreme Court of the United States is now engaged hearing the arguments in the famous prize case of the *Peterhoff*, the British vessel captured by the United States steamer *Vanderbilt* in February, 1862, on the way to Matamoras. The case excites great interest, as it involves the validity of the pretended neutral trade to Matamoras. Hon. Titian J. Coffey, of Philadelphia, and Assistant Attorney-General Ashton represent the Government, and Judges Marvin and Sherwood, and A. F. Smith, Esq., of New-York, the claimants. The New-York Bank tax cases will next be argued.

THE MINT.

The report of the Superintendent of the Mint shows the gold, silver and copper coinage from 1793 to 1866 inclusive, is $987,500,000. The gold coinage was about $845,500,070; the silver, $136,333,333 33; and the copper, $5,500,000. The total coinage of the branch mint at San Francisco during the first eight months of this year was $9,642,000 of gold, and nearly half a million of silver. As there was a subsequent increase, the Director thinks the business of the year will be fully up to the average.

JUDGE OF THE VIRGINIA COURT OF APPEALS.

Your Richmond correspondent sends the following dispatch to-night:

The Legislature to-day almost unanimously confirmed the nomination of Hon. Alexander Rives as a Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Rives is one of the few distinctive Union men of the State, and the large vote he received is the occasion of most pleasurable surprise.

SPEECHES.

A least thirty members of the House have entered their names as candidates for the floor, to make speeches on the President's Annual Message.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....Wednesday, Dec. 19.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Cattell presented the petition of manufacturers of silk articles for increased tariff. It was referred to the Financial Committee.

Mr. Fogg presented the petition of citizens of New-Hampshire for a constitutional amendment to prevent distinctions on account of color. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE TREASURY REPORT.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported favorably upon the resolution to print 5,000 additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury. Which was passed.

CIRCULATION OF THE LAND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a joint resolution for the printing of 20,000 copies of the last report of the Commissioner of Public Lands, with maps, in different foreign languages, for distribution at the Paris Exhibition. Mr. Anthony stated, in reporting the above, that the cost of printing the report would be $80,000.

THE VOLUNTEER ARMY REGISTER.

Mr. Anthony called up the resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Printing to suspend the publication of the Volunteer Army Register. The resolution was taken up and referred to the Military Committee.

ALLOWANCE FOR FUNDS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Mr. Johnson reported from the Judiciary Committee a joint resolution to allow Charles Clarke, U. S. Marshal for Maine, $3,018 public money destroyed by the Portland fire, July 4, 1866. It was passed.

THE STEAMSHIP SCOTLAND.

On motion of Mr. Morgan the Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of the petition of the Board of Underwriters, for an appropriation for the removal of the wreck of the steamship *Scotland*, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE HOUSE BILL REGULATING THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

Mr. Harris reported from the Judiciary Committee the House bill to fix the time for the regular meeting of Congress with an amendment. The bill, as passed by the House, is as follows:

That in addition to the present regular times of meeting of Congress, there shall be a meeting of the Fortieth Congress of the United States and of each succeeding Congress thereafter at 12 o'clock meridian on the 4th of March, the day on which the term begins for which the Congress is elected, except that when the 4th March occurs on Sunday, then the meeting shall take place at the same hour on the next succeeding day.

Sec. 2. That section seventeen of the act approved July 28, 1866, entitled an act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1867, and for other purposes, be so amended that no Senator or Representative in Congress who has been a member of the Congress next immediately preceding shall receive any allowance for mileage for traveling to the place of meeting to attend such additional session provided for in the foregoing section.

The Judiciary Committee recommend that the second section be stricken out and the following inserted in lieu of it: "That no person who was a member of the previous Congress shall receive any compensation or mileage for going to or returning from the additional session provided for by the foregoing bill."

Ordered to be printed.

THE BILL REGULATING THE DUTIES OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee, reported the House bill to regulate the duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, with the amendment to strike out the last section, which provides that a violation of the provisions of this act shall be a felony, and upon conviction the offenders shall be imprisoned from one to five years.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Ross introduced the following resolution, which was ordered to lie upon the table and to be printed:

Whereas, the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed at the first session of the Thirty-ninth Congress, known as "Article 14," and submitted to the several States for their acceptance or rejection, not having been accepted by a constitutional majority of the States; and certain sections of the country lately in rebellion being deemed thereby in danger of falling into a state of anarchy by reason of their having no systematic civil government; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, that the Joint Committee on Reconstruction be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing such regulations for the government of such districts lately in rebellion against the United States as shall have refused or may hereafter refuse to adopt the said proposed Amendment as may be found necessary for the preservation of the peace and the protection of society and the interests of the Government in those districts.

TESTIMONY IN THE UNITED STATES COURTS.

Mr. Poland, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported adversely to the bill authorizing the reception of parole testimony in the United States Courts for the Southern District of Mississippi.

THE VOLUNTEER ROSTER.

Mr. Wilson, from the Military Committee, reported the joint resolution requiring the Secretary of War to cause to be canceled the volumes of the rosters of volunteers already printed, and that the roster compiled as directed by the joint resolution approved March 2, 1865, be published, in accordance with the plan submitted by the Superintendant of Public Printing, and moved that the same be indefinitely postponed. The resolution was finally, on motion of Mr. Anthony, recommitted to the same Committee.

LAND GRANTS TO THE STATE OF OREGON.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill granting lands to the State of Oregon, to aid in the construction of a military road and telegraph line through the Coast Mountains, from Portland to Astoria, which authorizes the transfer to the said State the unoccupied section of the public lands designated by odd numbers, and the unoccupied parts of sections so designated, which may be wholly or in part within five miles of the proposed road. The patents therefor to be issued for twenty sections for each five miles completed, and the sum of $20,000 is appropriated for the survey of the lands under the direction of the President.

It was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Williams also introduced a similar bill, granting lands in the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of military and post roads through the Coast Mountains, from Astoria to Sillawook, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

VENTILATION OF THE SENATE CHAMBER.

Mr. Buckalew offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to take immediate steps for such hydration of the air of the Senate Chamber as can be conveniently secured under the existing arrangements for the introduction of the air.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Mr. Sumner offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby requested to communicate to the Senate such information as he may possess in respect to the progress made in collecting the products, and also the weights, measures and coins of the United States for exhibition at the Universal Exhibition at Paris in April next.

EQUALIZATION OF THE CURRENCY.

Mr. Pomeroy introduced a bill to equalize the currency of the United States as follows:

Whereas, The existence of the two circulating mediums of similar character composing the currency of the United States, both based upon the same ultimate security, to with the credit of the Government, has been productive of much commercial inconvenience; therefore, be it enacted, &c., that the notes of all National banking associations established under the act approved Feb. 25, 1863, to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, and the redemption of whose issues have been secured by the deposit of United States Bonds with the Treasurer of the United States, shall be a legal tender for all dues to the same extent and for all purposes for which Treasury notes are so made by the act approved Feb. 25, 1862, making United States notes a legal tender.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to redeem and cancel Treasury notes issued by the authority of the Government, to an extent not exceeding $1,000,000 per month during the year 1867, and to an extent not exceeding $2,000,000 per month during the year 1868.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That section 1 of the act approved April 12, 1866, to amend an act to provide ways and means to support the Government, approved March 3, 1865, by which the Treasurer was authorized to redeem and cancel $4,000,000 per month of the Treasury notes aforesaid, is hereby repealed.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

Mr. Creswell introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the usual number of copies of the report of the Librarian of Congress for the present year be printed for the use of the Senate, and 500 extra copies for the use of the Library.

PURCHASES OF GOODS BY THE INDIAN BUREAU.

Mr. Wilson offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to report for the information of the Senate what goods have been purchased in open market in the Indian Bureau, since the 1st day of January last. Said report to specify in detail the number or quantity of articles purchased, the price paid or agreed to be paid therefor, and the name of the party or parties from whom the same were purchased.

PENSION AGENCIES.

The Senate bill authorizing the appointment of Pension agents by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, amended by the House to limit the number of agencies to three for each State or Territory, and providing that no additional agency shall be established in any State where pensions paid do not exceed $500,000 for the preceding year, and that the term of all agents appointed since Jan. 1, 1866, shall expire within thirty days after the passage of the act, and the President be required to nominate their successors within fifteen days from the same date, was reported from the Judiciary Committee with amendments substituting the act of the 1st of January, 1865, for that of Jan. 1, 1866, and striking out all thereafter and inserting a provision that the terms of all other pension agents shall expire when successors shall be duly appointed.

IMMIGRATION OF CHINESE.

Mr. Williams presented a resolution directing the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire into the expediency of regulating and restricting the immigration and importation of Chinese into the United States. Mr. Williams said he offered the resolution at this time with a view to call the attention of Congress and the country to the subject to which it refers. Since the first discovery of gold in California the Chinese in considerable numbers have emigrated to the Pacific coast. They came there, not to be citizens, not to learn to speak our language, or profess our religion or adopt our customs, manners or habits, but to be a people unto themselves and to maintain their attachment to the Government under which they were born. He (Williams) would not undertake to say that any particular harm had yet resulted from the presence of those people upon the Pacific coast, but new facilities for their immigration have recently been made, and no doubt they will be increased so as to bring the Chinese here in great numbers. It was time for Congress to give a little attention to the subject.

The resolution was adopted.

THE NEBRASKA BILL.

At 1 o'clock the bill to admit Nebraska came up as the unfinished business of yesterday.

Mr. Howard took the floor in advocacy of the bill, and opposition to the amendment of Mr. Brown, that "the act shall take effect only upon the fundamental condition that there shall be no denial of the elective franchise on account of color in Nebraska." He (Mr. Howard) did not agree with the Senator from Massachusetts that it was a violation of the Declaration of Independence to deny the franchise to colored persons. He did not regard the right to vote as a natural right, but as a conventional right. In the previous history of the Legislature, no such conditions as were now proposed were attached to a bill for the admission of a new State. Nebraska and Colorado had complied with all the conditions imposed on them in the Enabling Act. It was a departure from the good faith which should regulate the conduct of Congress toward the Territories to exact such conditions. It was competent for Congress to prescribe conditions for the admission of a new State, but they must be conditions to be complied with precedent to the admission of the State, and not after it. After a territory had come into the Union, and been vested with the powers of a State, it would be competent for its people to set aside or repeal such a condition as was embraced in Mr. Brown's amendment. In doing this they would only be exercising the right of States to regulate the franchise. He (Mr. Howard) expected to live to see the day, and not be a very old man either, when every State in the Union would grant the right of suffrage to colored men. He saw no remedy but universal suffrage for the condition of affairs that now existed in the South; yet he was careful as a member of the Committee on Reconstruction in presenting the pending Constitutional Amendment to Congress, to leave the regulation of suffrage to the States.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Howard whether, in affirming that the States have an exclusive control over the whole question of the right of suffrage, he took the position that if any State in the Union by its limitation upon the franchise shall destroy the republican form of the government—that the United States has no right to interpose to protect the guarantee of a republican form of government.

Mr. Howard said that when it should be made manifest to him as a member of this body, that there was in any State in this Union a form of Government which was not Republican, he would be ready to apply the remedy guaranteed by the Constitution, but he must at the same time say to the Senator from Missouri, that he did not believe that that clause of the Constitution authorized Congress to pass a law in reference to any State in this Union, giving to the black people of that State the right to vote at the polls. In other words, he did not hold that the exclusion of the black race from the right to vote, was such a departure from a republican Government as would authorize Congress to interfere. Toward the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Howard dwelt upon the subject of reconstruction.

The Senator from Ohio (Sherman) had said that Congress had agreed, that if the rebel States would ratify the pending Constitutional Amendment, they would be readmitted into the Union, and be permitted to participate in legislation in the two Houses of Congress. Doubtless the honorable Senator (Sherman) said what he really believed to be true. The same statement had often been made, not very frequently in Congress, but very frequently during the last Congressional caucus, and in the various journals of the country. He (Howard) would take this occasion, so far as he was concerned, to contradict the fact. Congress has never proposed to the insurgent States that if they would adopt the pending Amendment of the Constitution as any other amendment to the Constitution, they should be readmitted as States of the Union and allowed to participate in the legislation of Congress. Congress, at the last session, after the most mature deliberation, saw fit to propose an additional article to the Constitution of the United States, which, upon being ratified by three-fourths of the States—of course, said Mr. Howard, I mean three-fourths of the States in the Union—and not out of the Union.

Mr. Sumner—Yes! Not including the rebel States.

Mr. Howard—Yes! That then it should be a part of the Constitution. But neither of the Committees of Fifteen, nor either House of Congress, so far as my memory serves me, has ever made such a proposition as that that the rebel States shall be readmitted upon the ratification by them of this amendment.

Mr. Norton—I would like to inquire of the member from Michigan if he did not, in the City of St. Paul, urge and argue in a speech that by the adoption of the amendment the rebel States would obtain representation, and that such action by them would be the settlement of the whole question?

Mr. Howard—I understand the question of the honorable Senator from Minnesota. I know not what report of my speech he may have seen, but I am ready to say now that I did not then and there make any such statement. If I was so understood, I was most grossly misunderstood.

Mr. Norton—I would state to the Senator that he was so reported, and that the speech he made was cited in opposition to an assertion made by me of the opposite character.

Mr. Howard—Of course, I am entirely ignorant of the report which may have been made of my speech, and also of the sense in which it may have been understood by the public or by the audience who listened. I knew very well what my objects were, and what my language, so far as the substance is concerned, was, and never made any such statement; and I shall never agree, let me tell the Senator from Minnesota and all others, to any such thing. I will not agree that the State of South Carolina, on adopting that Amendment of the Constitution, shall be instantly readmitted into Congress; nor will I agree that Alabama, or Mississippi, or Georgia, and, least of all, Texas, shall be admitted to their seats in Congress, on going through with what would certainly be in their case the mere farce of ratifying that amendment to the Constitution. I think we have not been so blind, Mr. President, as to offer such a proposition to the rebel States. We have not agreed that they might come back here to resume their seats simply because they should ratify that amendment, leaving the question undecided and uncertain as to the final ratification of that amendment by all the States.

Mr. Howard then explained as he said, how the mistake he referred to gained currency: What the Committee on Reconstruction did propose at the last session was upon the ratification of the Amendment by the States of the South and its adoption as a part of the Constitution, they should be admitted. This bill was not passed. It was laid on the table in the House.

In conclusion, Mr. Howard referred to what had been said by gentlemen on the opposite side; that it was the principal object of the friends of this bill to increase the power of the Republican Party in the Senate. He was was very willing to admit that he did desire to strengthen the Republican Party here. He believed the good of the country demanded it. Mr. Johnson had declared in St. Louis his intention to veto all the bills passed by the present Congress. If the President was sincere in that declaration, then he (Howard) would ask his friends here whether it was not high time that the Thirty-ninth Congress should fortify itself, and see to it, through their numerical strength in these two bodies, that the interest of the country shall not suffer through this promiscuous and wanton use of the veto power by President Johnson. He threatens to veto all our legislation. If this shall be his purpose, Sir; if it is his determination to treat this Congress as a usurping body, as being an unconstitutional body, not to be trusted with the business of legislating, for the reason that they have not seen fit to adopt his policy for the readmission of the rebel States, then it is perfectly obvious that no legislation can be got through Congress, unless we can carry it over his veto by a vote of two-thirds of each of the two bodies.

Mr. Johnson took the floor at the conclusion of Mr. Howard's speech in opposition to the bill and to Mr. Brown's amendment. There was great danger, he said, to be apprehended from the admission of too many new States. There was reason to fear—or it had been feared when the Constitution was formed—that in this way the whole legislation of the country would be influenced by the new States. He argued against giving Nebraska the same power in the Senate over a question of tariff that belonged to the Eastern States. The question of reconstruction had nothing to do with it. It should be decided on its merits, without reference to other political issues. He was opposed to the amendment of Mr. Brown because it involved conditions that Congress had no right to enforce.

Mr. Wilson moved to amend Mr. Brown's amendment by providing for the ratification of the fundamental condition of no exclusion from political rights on account of color, by the Legislature of Nebraska, instead of—as in Mr. Brown's amendment—by the people of the Territory. He explained his position in offering the same. At the last session of Congress he was in favor of the admission of Colorado, and was willing to see it done without any conditions; but the necessity that controlled his vote on that question had passed away. The Senate was assured of a two-thirds Republican vote, and after the 4th of March it would be still stronger. He hoped Mr. Brown would accept the amendment, and that Mr. Wade would let the bill be amended and passed.

Mr. Doolittle desired to inquire of Mr. Wilson whether it was the understanding that the faith of Congress was pledged, in case the Constitutional Amendment was adopted by the States of the South, that they would be entitled to representation. He understood the Senator from Ohio to say that he (Mr. Wade) had agreed that Congress should stand pledged to admit the States on the ratification of the Amendment.

Mr. Wade said he was misunderstood on what he had said. He did not state or intend to be understood that when these States adopted the Constitutional Amendment they were entitled to come here at all hazards. The proposition to which he (Mr. Wade) adhered was, that when the Constitutional Amendment was adopted by three-fourths of the States, and adopted by the seceded States, their relations to the General Government were such, if they applied for admission in a loyal form, all other things being equal, they ought to be admitted if represented by loyal men.

Mr. Wilson denied Mr. Doolittle's right to ask the question propounded by Mr. Doolittle. He (Mr. Wilson) had voted for the admission of Tennessee because she had adopted the Amendment, and might have felt bound to admit other States, if they came at that time, in the same way. But since then the people had expressed themselves. There was no law pledging Congress to admit the rebel States on the adoption of the Amendment, and he did not intend to vote for the admission of the rebel States now, until they had secured civil and political rights to colored persons. He intended to go to the furthest limit of constitutional power.

Mr. Doolittle replied to Mr. Wilson, arguing against the theory that the Southern States were States for the purpose of acting upon a Constitutional Amendment, but were not States for the right of representation in Congress.

Mr. Fessenden said the mere pretending to act upon the Constitutional Amendment was not the legislature until Congress saw fit to recognize them as such. This view was set forth in the report of the Reconstruction Committee. For himself, he did not know what he should do in a specific case. His understanding was that he had a right to inquire whether the Amendment was adopted by a loyal Legislature, which he was bound to recognize. This was a question that he had a right to examine. He was free to say that if from the Government of a State he saw that it had a Constitution under which it would be safe to admit it he would be willing to admit it. With regard to the new formation of these States, he held that he had a right to inquire what kind of a Constitution they had. It might be a question preliminary with him, after these States had adopted the Amendment, whether they had a Government which gave them the right to adopt it. He would not yield one iota of the guarantees already insisted upon, and such further guarantees as might be needed. He did not know that any others would be necessary.

Mr. Doolittle resumed the floor, contending that the Committee on Reconstruction, by reporting a bill to admit any of the rebel States that might ratify the Amendment, had committed itself on this subject to the doctrine that the State Governments of the South were valid.

Mr. Brown, at 4:45, moved that the Senate adjourn. Lost—yeas 14, nays 25.

Mr. Davis would like to know of Mr. Fessenden whether, if the State of Tennessee had not ratified the Amendment, but had adopted the State Constitution she now has, he (Fessenden) would have voted for the readmission of that State.

Mr. Hendricks addressed the Senate in opposition to Mr. Brown's amendment.

Mr. Sumner again urged an adjournment.

Mr. Hendricks asked that there be an agreement to vote on the pending bill to-morrow, at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Wade said he would be willing to agree to that, if it were certain that there would be a quorum here to vote to-morrow.

The Senate then, at 5 P. M., again refused to adjourn.

The question was then taken on the amendment offered by Mr. Cowan yesterday, that the people of Nebraska shall owe a paramount allegiance to the United States, &c. Disagreed to.

The next question was upon Mr. Wilson's amendment to Mr. Brown's amendment.

At 5:25 Mr. Henderson moved to adjourn.

Mr. Wade called the yeas and nays. Disagreed to, yeas 15, nays 20.

Mr. Sumner moved that the pending amendment be printed for the use of the Senate. Disagreed to.

Mr. Sumner said there was a time when Mr. Wade could see importance in a question involving human rights. He (Mr. Wade) was now trying to press through the Senate a bill in direct violation of human rights. At the conclusion of his remarks he again moved an adjournment.

The motion to adjourn was again defeated—yeas 13, nays 19.

Mr. Wade took the floor in reply to Mr. Sumner.

Mr. Hendricks moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill till the 7th of January next.

Mr. Kirkwood said he could not hear Mr. Sumner characterize the Constitution of Nebraska without entering his protest against it. The Constitution of Nebraska was, in this respect, the same as the Constitution of Iowa.

Mr. Sumner asked if he (Mr. Kirkwood) thought that provision of the Constitution of Iowa was right.

Mr. Kirkwood—I'll say to the Senator that it is none of his business. It is the business of the people of Iowa.

Mr. Sumner resumed the floor. The Constitution of Iowa was not before the Senate. If it was he should express his opinion on it.

Mr. Sumner, at 6 o'clock, moved an adjournment, which was lost by a vote of 18 nays against 11 yeas.

Mr. Pomeroy took the floor in opposition to Mr. Brown's amendment.

Mr. Edmunds rose to address the Senate, but yielded at 6:20 o'clock to a motion to adjourn, which prevailed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PENSIONS.

Mr. Upson, on leave, introduced a bill supplementary to the act of April 1, 1864, to increase the pensions of Revolutionary pensioners. Referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The bill makes the act apply to all the surviving widows of soldiers of the Revolution at $100 per annum.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. Maynard corrected a statement made by him in debate on Monday relative to a demand made by the Governor of North Carolina on the Governor of Tennessee for the person of Capt. Nelson, indicted in the former State for murder, arising out of the performance of military duties under Gen. Stoneman. The present acting Governor of North Carolina (Worth) had since assured him that he had made no such demand on the Governor of Tennessee. It was possible that he (Maynard) might have been mistaken, but he had certainly understood the facts to be as he originally stated them.

MEDALS.

Mr. Hubbard, of West Virginia, introduced a joint resolution authorizing medals to be distributed to honorably discharged soldiers from the State of West Virginia through the mails free of postage. Read three times and passed.

LIGHT BOAT.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, of Connecticut, the Committee on Commerce was instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a lightboat off Black Rock Harbor on the coast of Connecticut.

THE TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS.

On motion of Mr. Phelps the Committee on Ways and Means was instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the Internal Revenue law so as to dispense with the tax on gross receipts.

PURCHASES OF INDIAN GOODS.

Mr. Ingersoll asked leave to offer a preamble and resolution reciting that contracts are reported to have been recently given by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Indian goods to persons not the lowest bidders, whose samples were inferior, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information on the subject, and directing the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire into it.

Mr. Le Blond objected, and the resolution was not received.

COL. GRENFEL.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth the President was requested to furnish copies of all papers in his possession touching the case of Col. George H. St. Leger Grenfel, convicted by Military Commission as one of the leaders in a conspiracy to release the rebel prisoners at Camp Douglas, Chicago, and burn the city, and sentenced to death therefore, which sentence was commuted into imprisonment for life, and whose full pardon was now recommended by the Florida Legislature.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, the Senate amendments to the Deficiency Bill were taken from the Speaker's table and concurred in.

NAVAL.

On motion of Mr. Ward, of New-York, the Secretary of the Navy was directed to communicate a statement of the amounts charged to the State Department since May 1, 1865, for services rendered by naval vessels.

LANDS TO OREGON.

The House proceeded in the morning hour to the call of Committees for reports.

The bill reported yesterday by Mr. McRuer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to amend the act granting lands to Oregon to aid in the construction of a military road from Eugene City to the eastern boundary of Oregon, was taken up, read for the third time, and, by a vote of 79 to 20, passed.

Mr. McRuer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill granting lands to Oregon to aid in constructing a military wagon road from Dalles City, on the Columbia River, to Fort Boise, on Snake River. The bill was explained and advocated by Messrs. McRuer and Henderson, and opposed by Mr. LeBlond, who said that the granting of public lands given away for private purposes had become alarming.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, an amendment was inserted that the grant made by the bill should not embrace any mineral lands of the United States.

The bill was passed by a vote of 76 to 35.

KANSAS.

Mr. Briggs, from the Land Committee, reported a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1863, granting lands to Kansas for railroad purposes.

It authorizes the construction of any portion of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, in a way suitable for the use of a steam traction engine with its train of cars, and reduces the grant of land from ten sections per mile to five sections.

The bill, after some debate, was recommitted.

SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS.

Mr. Holmes, from the same committee, reported back a bill to amend the second section of the act to authorize the Legislatures of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee to sell school lands. The bill proposes to permit these Legislatures to lease for fifteen years mineral lands contained in the grants.

Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, said he should not vote for any bill recognizing any of those rebel Legislatures or bogus States. He suggested a proviso that the act should not apply to any of the late rebel States. The amendment was agreed to and the bill passed.

MILEAGE.

Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, offered a resolution to pay Arnell, Campbell and Hawkins, members from Tennessee, mileage for the last session. He said they had been in attendance during a part of the session, before the State was admitted. Referred to the Committee on Mileage.

HOMESTEADS.

On motion of Mr. Julian, the Committee on Public Lands was instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Homestead Act so as to require from the settler an oath that he had not borne arms against the United States.

INDIAN CONTRACTS.

Mr. Ingersoll offered a resolution in reference to contracts for Indian goods, which had been objected to this morning, and it was agreed to.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. Lawrence, of Pennsylvania, in the Chair, and resumed the consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Grinnell moved to strike out the paragraph for clerical assistants in the Executive Department, and the words "Clerk of Pardons." He did so in view of the improper use of the pardoning power, and referred to the fact that the greatest pirate of the country had received a pardon, and had been elected Professor of Moral Philosophy in a Southern College.

Mr. Wentworth opposed the amendment, on the ground that the President had been called upon for information in reference to pardons, and it would be impossible for the President to rake them all out with his own hands. He found the Florida Legislature of traitors had been lately visiting the Dry Tortugas, and investigating the claims of persons there to pardon, and had taken up the case of Grenfel, the notorious leader of the conspiracy to burn Chicago. He thought the President would constantly require the services of a Clerk of Pardons.

Mr. Scofield sustained the amendment, and said he had learned that all the pardons sent South by Adams Express Company were marked with the letters or figures C. O. D., $300, and that the sum was collected on each of them.

Mr. Ward, of New-York, suggested that it was cheap enough. [Laughter.]

Mr. Scofield would not assent that such was the fact, although he had thought the authority for the statement was good.

The amendment was agreed to, and the words "Clerk of Pardons" struck from the bill.

Mr. Benjamin moved to add to the paragraph appropriating six millions for Collectors and Assessors of internal revenue, a proviso that no Collector or Assessor should be entitled to salary until confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Chanler opposed the amendment, arguing that it would simply amount to an intimation to those officers that they should help themselves. He thought there was quite corruption enough in the Internal Revenue Department without holding out an additional incentive to fraud.

Mr. Bingham suggested a modification to the amendment so as to except cases of commissions to fill vacancies that may have happened by death or resignation during the recess of the Senate. He declared that while the President was armed by the Constitution with all executive power, it had never been pretended that under pretence of executing the laws he could remove men from office, not because of incapacity, not because of infidelity to duty, but because of eminent capacity, stern fidelity to duty, and an unwillingness to be corrupt to their trust.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, inquired whether President Lincoln did not, during his whole term, exercise that power in the same manner as President Johnson was said to have done.

Mr. Bingham reminded Mr. Randall that he spoke of removals for corrupt purposes.

Mr. Randall suggested it was not for them to inquire into the motives of either President Lincoln or President Johnson in the exercise of their powers.

Mr. Bingham went on to explain his ideas on the subject of appointments or removals from office, and said that if they were made by the President for corrupt purposes, he was guilty of a higher crime than misdemeanor, and the decision of that question belonged in the first place to the House.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, suggested that the gentlemen from Ohio (Bingham) had given him some sort of notice of what he was going to do with the President. He (Randall) doubted not that the President's acts would stand by themselves, and therefore the sooner he (Bingham) commenced his work, and cease threatening, the better.

Mr. Bingham remarked he had not said what he was going to do.

Mr. Benjamin modified his amendment to make it read: *Provided*, That no assessor or collector not appointed to fill a vacancy caused by death or resignation, shall be entitled to and paid any portion of the salary pertaining to the office until confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. O'Neill desired to state the difference between Mr. Lincoln's and Mr. Johnson's acts in reference to political appointments, as far as Philadelphia was concerned.

Mr. Stevens insisted that debate should be confined closely to the subject of the bill.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, hoped that his colleague, Mr O'Neill, would be allowed to go on, as he (Randall) would like to clean him out on that issue. [Laughter.]

Mr. O'Neill went on to say that, within the last few months a Board of naval officers sat in the Philadelphia Navy-yard in judgment on the political status of the poor mechanics of the yard, inquiring whether they belonged to the political organization opposed to the policy of Andrew Johnson.

Mr. Randall said that he condemned as much as his colleague did the act to which he alluded; but that that Board emanated from the Commodore of the yard, a Republican, and so soon as it became known at the Navy Department, it was countermanded.

Mr. Averill said that men were discharged from the Philadelphia Navy-yard who dared to say that they were in favor of Congress.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, said that Mr. Lincoln, while he was President, had written an autograph letter to the working men in the Philadelphia Navy-yard, expressing the sentiment that he, (Randall) who was then a candidate for Congress, should be defeated at all hazards. He felt humiliated that the President should have done such an act. His colleague was aware that during the administration of President Lincoln a secret committee was organized in Philadelphia, headed by an Ex-Sheriff, to inquire into the politics of every man, woman and child who was in the employment of the Government. Every woman employed in the United States Arsenal, whose brother happened to be a Democrat, was dismissed, and yet his distinguished colleague had the effrontery to complain of removals by President Johnson. He (Randall) was only sorry that the President had not carried the war further into Africa.

Mr. O'Neill was pleased to hear his colleague express his humiliation at the employment of a Naval Board at Philadelphia to inquire into the politics of employes. He considered it a high crime and a misdemeanor in the Secretary of the Navy to call upon officers to perform such miserable work. Many of the men who were thus discharged had passed a competitive examination.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania—Yes; and some of them were indicted for stealing. [Laughter.]

Mr. Stevens made the point of order that this discussion was entirely foreign to the matter before the Committee.

The Chairman sustained the point of order and declared that such discussion must cease.

The question was taken on Mr. Benjamin's amendment as modified, and it was adopted.

Mr. Maynard moved to amend the item for temporary Treasury Clerks, by giving the Secretary authority, in his discretion, to employ ladies when their services can be made equally profitable. Adopted.

Mr. Farnsworth moved to strike out the whole paragraph.

Mr. Le Blond opposed the amendment. He remarked that his colleague (Benjamin) had thrown out an intimation that removal from office for political reasons was corruption.

Mr. Benjamin denied that he had said anything of the sort. On the contrary, lest there might be some apology or excuse for such utterings as those of his his colleague, he had qualified the language and excluded any such conclusion. He had stated, that when the President of the United States had made a removal from office corruptly, and for personal ends, he was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor, and that the Constitution charged the members of this House, on their oath, to make inquiry and decide that question.

Mr. Le Blond—Does my colleague wish it understood that a removal from office for political reasons, is high crime, and a misdemeanor?

Mr. Bingham—I have not made an intimation which would justify any such inquiry. I am free to say that where a removal is made merely because of personal consideration toward the party interested, and not because of personal consideration on the part of the Executive; that being in accordance with the continued practice of the Government from its organization down to this time, would not be a high crime and misdemeanor. Is my colleague informed now?

Mr. Chanler desired to ask Mr. Bingham a question.

Mr. Bingham declined to yield. He had offered the proviso for the purpose of preventing what he believed to be a flagrant violation of the text and spirit of the Constitution. He thought the words "by death or resignation" should be omitted, leaving only the words used in the Constitution as to vacancies which "may happen." Gentlemen may say, that would be nugatory, and he believed it would unless the House proceeded with the legislation already inaugurated, and determine by law the legal effect and meaning of the constitutional phrase, "which may happen during the recess of the Senate:" but that was not in order now, and he had only said this much in order to vindicate his own position and correct the remarks of his colleague.

Mr. Chanler thought this amendment called up the question he had discussed some moments since in reference to patronage in the distribution of office.

Mr. Farnsworth called the gentlemen to order, the amendment he had offered had no political bearing.

Mr. Chanler declared he was not speaking to any political question, but he thought the part of political bully so often played in the House, was performed with better grace by the individual Farnsworth than any other on that side of the House. He (Chanler) was for the limitation of Executive power, and for the limitation of patronage, and for the distribution of offices through the representatives of the people. That was the only wholesome basis on which the Democratic Party could exist. [Laughter.] He thanked the gentleman from Illinois for bringing the matter before the House. He could not support the policy of Abraham Lincoln, even though it was under the protection of Andrew Johnson; and, what was done under the plea of military necessity, should not, with the aid of his vote, be done when that plea no longer existed. He (Chanler) was not for excluding white men from offices in the Treasury for the purpose of letting in black women; and cared nothing for the gentleman's (Farnsworth's) love of philanthropy, or love of females. [Laughter.]

Mr. Stevens made some remarks calculated to bring back the Committee to the question under consideration. He condemned the action of the Secretary of the Treasury in the distribution among the clerks of the appropriation made for extra compensation. He found its only justification in the Bible, a book, however, which was not good authority in this House, [laughter,] as it took from those who had nothing and gave to those who had much. The discretion conferred on the Secretary in that matter has been used without discretion and with gross partiality for two years past.

The question was taken on Gen. Farnsworth's amendment to strike out the whole paragraph for extra compensation, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Harding, of Illinois, an amendment was adopted directing preference to be given of appointments to persons in indigent circumstances, and the dependents of those who had fallen in the service of the country.

Pending the consideration of the paragraph appropriating $80,000 for seeds to be distributed by the Agricultural Department, which appropriation Gen. Farnsworth moved to cut down to $60,000 and Mr. Morrill to $40,000, the Committee rose.

OCCUPANCY OF THE ISLAND OF SAN JUAN.

On motion of Mr. Denny, of Washington Territory, the President was requested to communicate all correspondence between our Government and that of Great Britain on the subject of the joint occupancy of the Island of San Juan, Washington Territory.

MEXICO.

On motion of Mr. Randall, of Kentucky, the President was requested to communicate any further information in reference to the occupation of Mexican territory by United States troops, that he may have received since his message of the 8th inst. on the same subject.

GENERAL DEBATE TO-DAY.

Mr. Hale proposed that to-morrow be devoted to debate in Committee of the Whole on the President's annual message.

Mr. Stevens hoped no such arrangement would be made. If there were no quorum present to-morrow, the effect would be to go into Committee for general debate; but he did not want to fix that now, when they were about adjourning for two weeks.

Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, remarked that a good many members had been pressing for the floor in Committee of the Whole, desiring to make speeches and he thought no time would be lost by devoting to-morrow to general debate.

Mr. Stevens suggested, as an amendment, to-morrow and every day during the vacation. [Laughter.]

The Speaker intimated that that amendment was hardly in order, as both Houses had resolved not to be in session.

Without making any definite arrangement on the subject, but with the general understanding that the proceedings of to-morrow be confined to general debate, the House at 4 P. M. adjourned.

Passengers Sailed.

Dec. 19—*In steamship Hecla, for Liverpool*—W. C. Peil, J. W. Fabeus, Hy Knight, Colin McArthur, J. G. Cooke, J. J. Zangroniz, Miss Gubbins, H. Morton, Jno. Doyle, B. Cricskard.

Passengers Arrived.

Dec. 19—*In steamship Caledonia, from Glasgow*—John Plaxton, lady and son, Dr. Bailey, Ex U. S. Consul at Glasgow, lady and family, James Davidson, John Wm. Heian, Robert W. Terrier and lady, Mrs. Smith, Col. McDougall, Jos. M. Taylor and lady, Miss A. Gow, Mr. Hill, Mrs. A. Casey, Chas. Boyce.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises	7 20	Sun sets	4 35	Moon sets	5 27

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook	6 01	Gov. Island	6 50	Hell Gate	8 12

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.

Cleared.

Steamships Hecla, (Br.,) Edmondson, Liverpool, E. Cunard; Gulf City, Stuart, Mobile, Smith & Dunning; Eagle, Greene, Havana, Garrison & Allen; Saratoga, King, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, G. Heineken & Palmore; Hatteras, Alexander, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, Livingston, Fox & Co.; F. B. Souder, Lockwood, Charleston, Livingston, Fox & Co.; Chesapeake, Johnson, Portland, J. F. Ames.

Steamer Wamsutta, Fish, New-Bedford, Ferguson & Wood.

Brigs Scotland (Br.,) Crowell, Barbados, E. T. Smith & Co.; Flor del Mar, (Br.,) Pettis, Windsor, N. S., D. R. De Wolf & Co.; Sequndo Cantanero, (Span.,) Salz, Sisal and Campeachy, Brugiere & Thebaud; Thomas Farrell, Thompson, Mayaguez, P. R., L. W. & P. Armstrong.

Schooners Eliza, Buell, New-Haven, G. K. Rackett; David Faust, Ladd, Galveston, Tupper & Beattie; Julia A. Hallock, Crowell, Rio Janeiro, Thos. Norton; Magellan, Ames, Savannah, Thayer & Sargent; Gov. J. T. Smith, Gaddings, New-Orleans, Young & Cowan; Lady Woodbury, Smith, Nassau, J. S. Ingraham; Granite State, Hallett, Boston, S. W. Lewis & Co.

Arrived.

Steamship Caledonia, (Br.,) McDonald, Glasgow Nov 30, via Moville Dec. 12, with mdse. and 164 passengers to Francis Macdonald. Has had heavy westerly gales, with snow-storms the entire passage. Sld. in co. with ship Stadacona, for New-Orleans. Left in port bark J. R. Hea, for Boston the 15 h inst.; ship Rhoda, for New-York and bark Smoulton for New-Orleans soon.

Steamship Saragossa, Crowell, Charleston 65 hours, with mdse. and passengers to Arthur Leary. Dec. 17, 25 miles S. W. of Hatteras, passed steamship Quaker City, for Charleston.

Steamship San Salvador, Atkins, Savannah 72 hours, with mdse. and passengers to Garrison & Allen.

Steamship Niagara, Couch, Norfolk and Richmond, with mdse. and passengers to G. Heineken & Palmore.

Steamer Neptune, Baker, Boston, with mdse. and passengers to Isaac Odell.

Bark Persia, (of Boston,) Robinson, Cronstadt Oct. 14, and Elsinore 22d, with mdse. and 3 passengers to Wm. Ropes & Co. Has had strong N. and N. W. gales and lost head. Sld. from Elsinore in co. with bark Sterling, for Boston, and saw her again on the 24th in the Black Sea.

Bark Quindaro, (of Pictou, N. S.,) Stanwood, Nuevitas 13 ds., with sugar, &c., to Thompson & Hunter. On the night of the 16th inst., while at anchor in the Lower Bay, parted the chain and drifted ashore near Keyport, N. J.; received no serious damage.

Bark Addie McAdam, (new,) Partridge, Calais 5 ds., with lumber to master.

Bark Mary Lucretia, Bowen, Apalachicola 13 ds., with cotton to J. T. B. Maxwell.

Brig H. Means, Hopkins, Elizabethport, with coal, bound for Portland.

Brig Bogota, Lindsley, Aspinwall 26 ds., with hides, &c., to J. F. Joy. Has been 12 ds. north of Hatteras with strong northerly winds.

Schr. Impudence, (of St. John, N. B.,) Morehouse, Kingston, Jam., 30 ds., with mdse. to Miller & Houghton. Had heavy weather the entire passage. Left no vessels.

Schr. E. W. Gardner, Steelman, Boston, in ballast for Philadelphia.

Schr. Ajmeer, (Br.,) Gelliott, Cornwallis 8 ds., with potatoes to Duryea & Hyde.

Schr. R. S. Newcomb, Higgins, Virginia, for Providence.

Schr. Snow-flake, Beers, Jacksonville 10 ds., with yellow pine. In a heavy blow from S. E., carried jibboom, foretopmast and fore-goff.

Schr. J. H. Lockwood, Shebbitt, Georgetown 4 ds., with coal.

Schr. Yankee Doodle, Morton, Georgetown 4 ds., with coal.

Schr. S. Morgan, Davis, Georgetown 4 ds., with coal.

Schr. A. Mason, Mowe, Jacksonville, with yellow pine.

Schr. S. E. Jayne, Clark, Philadelphia 4 ds., with coal.

Schr. M. Holmes, Ireland, Newbern, N. C.

Schr. Mingues, Corson, Washington, N. C.

Schr. Ida L., Bearse, Boston.

Schr. Watauga, Poyt, Beaufort, N. C.

Schr. Forrest Home, Thorn, New-London.

Schr. J. H. Hoyt, Ray, Baltimore, for New-Haven.

Schr. Sea Queen, Guptill, Baltimore, for Boston.

Schr. St. Lucar, French, Rockport, with lime.

Schr. Moonlight, Miller, Philadelphia, for Boston.

Schr. Willie Lee, Seavey, Rockland, with lime.

Schr. John, Falkenham, Jonesport 7 ds., with spars.

Schr. Lucy D., (new, 3-masted,) Smith, Quincy Point.

Schr. G. W. Rawley, Allen, Thomaston, for Virginia.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Dec. 19—Arr. steamers McClellan, from Baltimore; Norman and Zodiac, Philadelphia. Below—Bark Silentium, from Buenos Ayres.

GALVESTON, Dec. 19—Arr. steamship Tybee, from New-York.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 19—Arr. steamship San Jacinto, from New-York; brig L. Staples, from Cardenas. Cld. steamship Fannie, for Baltimore.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 19—Arr. yesterday, steamship Pioneer, from New-York, and not the C. W. Lord, as reported. Arr. to-day, steamships Rebecca Clyde and Prometheus, from New-York. The latter was detained several days in Hampton Roads by bad weather.

Miscellaneous.

The ship Gen. McClellan, Leach, from Antwerp and Flushing Oct. 21, is ashore abreast of Patchogue, Long Island, 15 miles east of Fire Island light. She is consigned to Messrs. Jacquemod & Co., of this City. Assistance has been sent to her.

The schr. Decatur Oakes, with a cargo of coal, bound east, is ashore on Negro Point, above Hell Gate. She went on this morning, and will probably fill on the ebb tide. She had no pilot.

The Hamburg ship Neckar came up to the City yesterday from the Lower Quarantine.

Fortress Monroe, Dec. 19.—The steamer Greenport, from Charleston for New-York, put into Norfolk, short of coal, and sailed to-day.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK STAGE FROM 1750 TO 1860. By JOSEPH N. IRELAND. In two volumes. Vol. 1. New-York: T. H. MORRILL.

It has long been a matter of regret that the players, "the abstract and brief chronicles of the time," have been almost systematically neglected by historians. Yet there are few themes that can rival the stage in extent and variety of interest, and there are few people who enjoy so much of the attention and sympathy of mankind as those who minister at once both to our instruction and entertainment. One never wearies of telling or listening to anecdotes of the professors of dramatic art, and the social circle and odd corners of magazines and newspapers are full of memories of their genius, their eccentricities and their fate. Now and then we hear of a book bearing upon the general subject, or a biography of some Garrick or Siddons; but until very recently the Stage has had no historian. Within a year, however, we have had Dr. DORAN's *Annals of the Stage*, in England, and the volume now before us, in this country. The *Records of the New-York Stage* does not claim the dignity of history, but it embraces a vast collection of such stuff as history is made of; we mean plain, well-authenticated facts. The author, or compiler is a well-known gentleman long in mercantile life in this City, but now living in retirement from business. From childhood he had a strong liking for the theatre, and at a very early age began to seek the acquaintance of players, lay up bills and advertisements, and jot down noteworthy occurrences. In a short time this pastime became a passion, and he extended his researches from the old Park to the other playhouses, some now existing and many long ago forgotten, the result being a curious and unique collection, such as, we presume, has no equal in this country. After fifty years of saving up material, he wrote anonymously a few brief papers for a daily gazette, called "Fifty Years of a Playgoer's Journal." These papers attracted much attention, and the author (still remaining unknown) concluded to remodel and work up his immense mass of memoranda into a book. The first volume is just issued, and is an excellent specimen of the typographic art. In this volume he traces the beginning of theatrical representations in this City, about 1750, and brings the record down to 1830. This occupies nearly 700 large octavo pages, and the remaining thirty years will probably make as much more. As an idea of the completeness of the record, take the following list of theatres: Nassau-street Theatre, in 1750, Hallam's company; Cruger's Wharf Theatre; Chapel Theatre, in Beekman-street; John-street Theatre, opening in 1767; Military Thespians during the British occupation, one of the players being the ill-fated Major ANDRE; reopening in John-street after the war; Dunlap's company; William-street Theatre, 1790; Corre's Garden, 1791; John-street, 1791, to its close in 1798; Rickett's Amphitheatre, in Greenwich-street; the new Park Theatre, 1798; the Greenwich-street Pantheon; Mount Vernon Gardens, 1801; Grove Theatre, in Bedlow-street, 1804; Vauxhall Garden, 1806; Olympic Theatre, 1812, in Broadway, near White-street; Commonwealth Theatre, 1812; Anthony-street Theatre, 1812; Pavilion, Anthony-street, 1819; New Park Theatre (rebuilt), 1821; City Theatre, Broadway Circus, Columbian Garden, Richmond Hill, Vauxhall, Lafayette, Mount-Pitt Circus, the Bowery, the Chatham, the Sans Souci (where Niblo's now is), Blanchard's Amphitheatre, and many ephemeral institutions. All the houses here named have passed away, but Mr. IRELAND has preserved thousands of play-bills and advertisements, and gathered from personal narration enough to trace their rise, progress and fall, almost minutely from first to last. Of course the book deals largely with the players, and there are hundreds of facts concerning their families, their engagements, salaries, most notable representations, and what finally became of them—all of which are highly interesting, and most of which will be entirely novel to this generation. Especially interesting are the genealogical episodes, such as brief histories of the JEFFERSONS, the PLACIDES, the FISHERS, and other histrionic families, and the frequent revealings of the penchant of now noted laymen for the footlights—such as Gen. SANDFORD, JOHN HOWARD PAYNE, WM. LEGGETT, JOSEPH M. FIELD and others, who tried their fortunes on the boards but soon sought other occupations. Of course the great lights of the profession appear in all their glory; such players as Hallam, the Jeffersons for three generations, Thomas Cooper, Mrs. Oldmixon, Mrs. Wheatley, the Placides, Price, Simpson, the Wallacks, Mrs. Barnes, Edmund Kean, Junius Brutus Booth, the elder Mathews, Mme. Malibran, T. S. Hamblin, Mrs. Duff, Hackett, Forrest, J. R. Scott, Macready, Barry, Celeste, Clara Fisher, Holland, Mme. Vestris, Kean the younger, and hundreds of less conspicuous among the dead and the living of the green room. As a single specimen of the manner in which Mr. IRELAND has ingeniously blended history, biography and criticism, we quote a portion of his notice of the beautiful and talented Mrs. DUFF, whose brilliant professional career is well remembered by the old folks:

> "Attached to the Dublin Theatre, in the capacity of dancers, some sixty years ago, were two young and fascinating Irish girls, of the name of DYKE. Their extreme grace and beauty attracted general admiration, and one of them became the first wife of THOMAS MOORE, the poet. The other, Miss MARY ANN DYKE, is the subject of our notice, who, marrying Mr. DUFF, accompanied him to America in 1810, making her *début* at Boston, in the character of *Juliet*, with indifferent success. Her style was then so tame and feeble as to give no hope of the improvement afterward witnessed. She continued playing principally at Philadelphia and Boston—till at the latter place, in 1817, she began to rise rapidly in public estimation—suddenly, as if touched by a magic wand, throwing off the languor of indifference, and exhibiting in vivid intensity the true fire of genius. After returning to Philadelphia, where she played for a season with most brilliant success, she completed her triumph by her appearance in New-York, playing afterward throughout the Union, and exciting the highest enthusiasm by her transcendent excellence. She was for a long time the main support of the Bowery and Chatham Theatres, at a period when they ranked with the best establishments in the country. In the latter part of her dramatic career, after her husband's death; and when forced, by the necessities of a numerous family and the immense influx of foreign artists, she was obliged to accept engagements at minor theatres, and in a moment of hallucination, induced by domestic sorrow, while at the Richmond Hill, in 1833, contracted her extraordinary marriage with CHARLES YOUNG, the actor, which she steadfastly refused to consummate, and which was soon after legally dissolved. Mrs. DUFF made her last appearance in this City, in the Autumn of 1835, at the Franklin Theatre, and we then saw her perform *Florinda*, *Adelgitha*, *Lady Randolph* and *Isabella*, with undiminished excellence. In the latter part, her acting stands out in distinct and vivid recollection, eclipsing every other dramatic performance in our memory. She soon after quitted the stage for the retirement of private life, becoming the wife of Mr. SEVIER, a member of the bar, at New-Orleans, where, we think, she is still living. When last heard from, she was an active and zealous member of her church, and widely esteemed for her amiable and benevolent disposition. In her prime she possessed beauty of a most remarkable character; a noble person, elegantly proportioned: a face full of soul; eyes of melting darkness, winning love or pity, or terrifying her auditors with the lightning-flashes of scorn and indignation; and a voice which, for plaintive tenderness and thrilling expression, we have never known equaled. Unlike any other performer, devoid of stage trick and conventionality, rising superior to all around her, 'we ne'er shall look upon her like again.'"

We should add that Mr. IRELAND's volumes are published by subscription, and the edition is only about two hundred and fifty copies. Whether there are any yet to be had we do not know; but certainly a work so valuable for reference to the profession, to writers and to libraries, ought to run off half a dozen such editions.

THE POEMS OF ALFRED B. STREET. 2 vols. New-York: HURD & HOUGHTON.

Mr. STREET does not claim to be ranked among our foremost poets, but one who love's nature so earnestly and devotedly as he does, can hardly help writing so as to please a very large class of readers. Those who have learned to admire his easy flowing verses, as they have appeared from time to time during the last quarter of a century, will welcome them as they are gathered together in these very tasteful but modest volumes.

THE CHARACTER OF JESUS PORTRAYED. A Biblical essay, with an Appendix. By Dr. DANIEL SCHENKEL, Professor of Theology, Heidelberg. 2 vols. Translated from the third German edition, with introduction and notes, by W. H. FURNESS, D. D. Boston: LITTLE & BROWN.

This work was first issued in 1863, and Dr. SCHENKEL tells us in a prefatory note that its publication was the direct result of the sensation caused by RENAN's *Life of Jesus*. When he entered upon his duties as a private teacher of theology in 1838, he attempted in a lecture "for the first time to describe the life of Him who might well describe Himself as the 'life of the world' in the fullest and most comprehensive sense of the term." Shortly afterward he entered upon an examination of the works of STRAUSS, NEANDER and WEISSE, relating to the same great subject, and even at that time he became convinced that "without a firm basis to stand upon in relation to the character of the Gospels, even a tolerably correct understanding of the *Life of Jesus* is a simple impossibility." In the preface to the third edition of the work, Dr. SCHENKEL refers to the violent attacks upon himself, which the appearance of the work had provoked, any says: "My book, from beginning to end, is misunderstood and misrepresented; its conclusions are distorted, and consequences are drawn from it which I certainly never dreamed of." Then he declares that he wrote the book solely "in the service of evangelical truth." Whatever end Dr. SCHENKEL may have aimed at in his work, its real tendency is indicated not only by its reception in Germany, but by the ecclesiastical relations of the distinguished clergyman and scholar who has thought that it would subserve the interests of the denomination to which he belongs to translate it into English. Dr. FURNESS in his introduction, for instance, speaks of the "dogma" that the four gospels "with the rest of the Bible, were every word and letter, composed under the special and direct dictation of the Holy Spirit;" and he adds that "it was impossible that these mistaken notions of the Christians records should be maintained forever against the numerous and manifest marks of a human origin, which these books present." These, and numerous similar expressions, are enough of themselves to indicate the true drift of Dr. SCHENKEL's argument, both to those who seek and to those who wish to shun such works. The volumes display that careful research so characteristic of the productions of German theologians, and the work of translation is performed in a scholarly manner.

DIVERS VIEWS, OPINIONS AND PROPHECIES OF PETROLEUM V. NASBY, late Pastor in the Church of the New Dispensation. With humorous designs by THEE JONES. Cincinnati: R. W. CARROLL & CO.

Very many people have suspected for some time that "Petroleum Nasby" deserved to be ranked among the foremost of our political caricaturists, and they were fully assured of the fact when Prof. LOWELL so warmly indorsed him in the introduction to the second series of his *Biglow Papers*. Just now Mr. Nasby is suffering the pains and penalties of his popularity, for no less than three publishers have announced editions of his letters. One firm in Boston and another in New-York have "declared their intentions," but so far as their Western market is concerned, R. W. CARROLL & Co. have the start. They issued, some months ago, this edition of the Nasby Letters, for sale through agents, and they now seek to dispose of it through the trade. Very many of the letters in this volume are utterly unworthy the reputation of Mr. Nasby, for they abound not only in slang, but occasionally descend to the lowest vulgarity. Externally, too, the volume gives evidence of having been adapted to a taste not over critical or very refined. By the use of large type and liberal leading, a volume of unnecessary size has been produced, and the illustrations, which are called "humorous," might much better be denominated ghastly. It is to be hoped that Mr. Nasby may be treated with more consideration by his Eastern publishers than he has received in this case, and that he will show sufficient regard for his own reputation to subject the letters in this volume to a thorough revision, if they are to be included in the edition for Eastern readers.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE; OR, THE DIGNITY OF LABOR. By Mrs. MADELINE LESLIE. Boston: GRAVES & YOUNG.

ELEANOR; an autobiography. Philadelphia American Sunday-school Union.

THE CHILDREN OF THE FRONTIER. New-York: D. APPLETON & CO.

GILBERT STARR AND HIS LESSONS. By GLANCE GAYLORD. Boston: GRAVES & YOUNG.

These books all belong to that class which does not seek for criticism. In the *Wheel of Fortune* the dignity of labor is illustrated by showing to what bad ends those are sure to come who despise and shun honorable toil. In *Eleanor*, some religious truths popularly classed as orthodox are put in simple and direct language. *Gilbert Starr* is one of the "Rainsford Series," and illustrates very cleverly the false notions of honor which schoolboys are likely to conceive. The hero of the story finally refuses to act according to the standard his companions prescribe, and is under a cloud for some time, but begins to emerge just as this volume of the series closes. *The Children of the Frontier* carries as its motto, "God moves in a mysterious way," and it rehearses in an awkward manner an incredible number of miraculous adventures passed through by a family whose home is supposed to be in Minnesota.

DRAWING FROM OBJECTS. A Manual for the Teachers and Pupils of the Common Schools. By Prof. JOHN GOODISON, Instructor of Drawing and Geography in the Michigan State Normal School. New-York: IVISON, PHINNEY, BLAKEMAN & CO.

There is nothing new either in the plan, matter, or illustrations of this little manual. It is neither so thorough nor so complete as CHAPMAN's drawing-book; but it is published in a neat and convenient style, the designs are numerous and well executed, and teachers who use it will doubtless find it useful and practical.

Miscellaneous.

—Messrs. DICK & FITZGERALD do not mean to have the responsibility thrown upon their shoulders if these Winter evenings should pass wearily in any family in the land. They have just published, in very tasteful form, a manual of chess, by N. MARACHE, well known as the very capable editor of the chess column of *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*. It is well arranged, and clearly printed, which is a point of some consequence, when one is anxious to follow out a game and its variations. The same publishers also undertake to provide every dancer with a *Ball-Room Companion*. To avoid misapprehension it should be stated that the "companion" in question is a useful little manual by EMILE DE WALDEN, and that it contains a collection of the fashionable drawing-room dances, with full directions for dancing all the figures of the famous and popular "German." To those desirous of filling up the intervals between chess and dancing with cards, Messrs. DICK & FITZGERALD offer *Cribbage Made Easy*, a new and complete treatise on the game in all its varieties, by GEORGE WALKER. It also includes the whole of ANTHONY PASQUIN's treatise on this same game.

—*Mrs. Jameson's Characteristics of Women*, which was brought out as a gift book several years ago, has been reissued for the coming holiday season by W. H. APPLETON. The volume is handsomely printed and elegantly bound, and it will still prove acceptable for the purpose to which it was originally adapted.

—*Poems, Lyrical, Dramatic and Romantic*, is the title of a collection by JOHN SAVAGE, announced for the Holidays by Mr. J. B. KIRKER. It will embrace Mr. SAVAGE's publications issued during the past few years.

—Miss EVANS' new novel *St. Elmo*, which CARLETON is to publish next week, bids fair to surpass in popularity any of the previous productions of this author. It is said that the publisher has received a single order for four thousand copies. CARLETON is printing the seventh edition of *Laus Veneris* by SWINBURNE.

—A second edition of the little volume entitled *Pearls of Thought, Religious and Philosophical, Gathered from old Authors*, has just been published by Mr. A. D. F. RANDOLPH.

—*Ænone: A Tale of Slave Life in Rome*, by LEONARD KIP, has passed to a second edition. Mr. JOHN BRADBURN, the publisher, deserves credit for the handsome and careful manner in which he has produced the volume.

—Mr. W. W. SWAYNE, the enterprising publisher in Brooklyn, has a supply of the first part of the famous Edinburgh edition of Sir WALTER SCOTT's novels. This part includes the whole of *Waverley*. It is printed upon an excellent quality of paper, in clear type, and is sold at an incredibly low price—twenty-five cents.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Corporal Punishment in Public Schools—Salaries of Female Teachers.

The Board of Education met yesterday afternoon, President MCLEAN in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A communication from the school officers of the Thirteenth and Twenty-second Wards, asking for authority to purchase certain lots for the erection of school buildings, was referred to the Committee on Sites. Dr. E. B. DALTON, Sanitary Superintended of the Board of Health, submitted several reports of Inspectors relative to the badly ventilated and overcrowded condition of several of the public schools, and begging to know what action the Board would take in reference thereto. Referred to Committee on Buildings. The Board expresses its desire to do everything in its power to place the public school buildings in a proper sanitary condition.

The following petition from some of the Principals and Vice-Principals, asking for an increase of salaries, elicited considerable discussion:

> *To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of New-York:*
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> We, the Principals, Vice-Principals and Assistants of the Grammar Schools for girls, and also those of the Primary Schools, respectfully represent that the salaries paid to us are inadequate to the expenses of living at the present time, every necessary of life having more than doubled in cost within the last few years; that they are also very disproportionate to those paid for similar services in the Grammar Schools for boys, and that they have not been increased in a degree corresponding to the higher qualifications required of teachers, nor to the improved grade of the schools. These facts must be too well known to your honorable body to render it necessary that we should seek to enhance their just force by any array of details or effort at illustration. We doubt not that the conviction of the justice of the claim they present for your favorable action in their behalf, would, ere now, have led to that result, but for the number and importance of the other demands pressing upon you in connection with the support and improvement of the school system.
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> The severity with which the inadequacy of our compensation presses upon many of our number, compels us now to bring the matter to your attention, with an earnest request that it may receive your early and favorable consideration. We are emboldened to this action by the conviction that the services we have faithfully rendered in the fulfilment of the high and responsible trust committed to our charge, are so fully appreciated by the public, and especially by the parents of the pupils in the schools and classes over which we preside, that they will cheerfully and earnestly sustain any measure you may adopt in accordance with this petition. We doubt not, therefore, that it will give you pleasure to appropriate the additional revenue you have demanded for the coming year, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to such an increase in the rates of our compensation as shall render them proportionate to our labor and necessities.
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> We, therefore, with a firm reliance upon your kindly feeling and your sense of justice, and with an earnest desire in all respects to merit your confidence and approval, cheerfully leave our cause in your hands.

During the discussion it was stated that the Committee to which similar petitions had been referred was much exercised in the matter; and while it was anxious to do justice to all the teachers, it was curious to know where the money was to come from. It was stated that the increase which it would be necessary to make in case any was made, would be equal to about half a million of dollars, and that this sum could only be obtained by legislative action. The inequality of salaries paid teachers was alluded to by the gentlemen who favored the increase, it being stated that the maximum paid to male teachers was $3,000 per year, while a lady performing precisely similar duties, could be allowed only $1,200, and that upward of 1,000 teachers were receiving less than $400 per annum. The Chairman of the Committee on Finance stated that it was the intention of the Committee to ask the officers of the Board to go to Albany and petition the Legislature to make an appropriation, which would enable the Board to make the increase asked for by the teachers. The communication was referred to the Committee on Teachers. A resolution appropriating the sum of $6,297 to pay for furnishing the new schoolhouse now bein erected in Vestry-street, in the Fifth Ward was adopted. The sum of $2,308 54 was, by resolution, appropriated for repairs made in Grammar Schools Nos. 27 and 53.

The Committee on Supplies submitted a report relative to the supplies required for the ensuing year, and the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the award of contracts made by the Committee on Supplies be continued; and that said contracts shall continue in full force and effect until the 1st day of January, 1868.

The Committee to which was referred the question regarding the abolishment of corporal punishment in our public schools submitted a report in favor of abolishing such punishment in all female and primary schools, and directing how it should be administered in the others. An amendment was offered, providing for the total abolition of corporal punishment in public schools, was lost, and the report of the Committee was adopted. The Board then adjourned to Friday, the 28th inst.

THE SECOND-AVENUE FIRE.

Conclusion of the Testimony—The Coroner's Charge—The Verdict of the Jury—Sheehan and Kane Detained.

The inquiry into the circumstances attending the recent disaster on Second-avenue was resumed yesterday at 3 P. M., by Coroner GOVER and a Jury.

TESTIMONY OF DENNIS F. SULLIVAN.

Dennis F. Sullivan, member of Hook and Ladder Company No. 7, gave testimony in extenuation of delay in arrival at the scene of the fire. He stated that the first alarm the Company received was from a citizen who came kicking at the door; they had then received no telegraphic notice whatever; on getting the alarm they proceeded with all possible despatch to the place; he stated that after the fire was over he saw Kane and another man at the door of an adjoining liquor-store, and that hearing them talk of the fire he put the question: "What was the origin of the fire?" one of them replied that "he knew, but for reasons best known to himself he would keep it to himself;" this was at four o'clock on the morning after the fire.

TESTIMONY OF DAVID M'MUNIGLE.

David McMunigle, a clerk in the Post-office, was next examined and testified to the expedition used by the Truck Company, and corroborated details of the fire before given.

TESTIMONY OF ADAM TREBOLD.

Officer Trebold testified that he was on duty in Second-avenue; his post covered Kane's house; one day when passing he saw Mr. Kane at his store door and asked him how he was getting on in his business; he said he was doing a fair business; he said he had some trouble with the barber; that he had leased him his place in the basement and had offered him $300 to give up that lease. The witness asked Kane if the barber wouldn't do it; he replied "no." He (Kane) then said he would have him out anyhow, if it cost him a thousand dollars.

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS KEALY.

He had had a difficulty with a man in Kane's store about five or six months before; it was a political growling match; a glass was fired, which accidentally struck Kane; Kane put him out that evening; he never made any threats that he would be even with him; he did call round when he was a little tight one evening afterward and knocked at the door, but did not get in; he knew nothing of the fire until two days after its occurrence; was at home on the night of the fire; never heard any person threaten to fire his house.

TESTIMONY OF CAPT. WILSON.

Capt. Wilson, recalled: stated Mr. Sheehan made application to him in June to obtain an application for license previous to opening the store at No. 563 Second-avenue; Mr. Sheehan said he owned the place, and was to keep it; the witness did not know Kane kept the place until the night of the fire; that was the first time he saw Kane to know him.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN KANE.

Mr. Kane, recalled, stated that he had had his rents insured at the time of the fire; upon the building he had $12,000, insured in the Citizens'; $6,000 of that insurance is held by the Third-avenue Savings Bank, protection of mortgage; he was further insured in $10,000, to cover stock, fixtures, furniture and rents, in equal parts, in the Harmony, State Fire Insurance Company, Jersey City, Hamilton and Manhattan; kept his policies at No. 165 Chatham-street, in the safe of Mr. Davis there; he explained that the reason why he had the license taken out in Mr. Sheehan's name was that he, witness, was not known as well as Sheehan, and that he understood there was some difficulty about bar-tenders getting license, and was afraid, he himself having been one, would be refused, and having already gone to considerable expense he thought it best to let Sheehan apply, as he had never been in the business before.

STATEMENT OF DR. BEACH.

Doctor JOHN BEACH stated that Mrs. WEBB came to her death from concussion to the spine and shock to the nervous system, and that the other victims came to their death from the immediate effects of burns received at the burning of house No. 563 Second-avenue.

CHARGE OF CORONER GOVER.

Coroner GOVER then announced to the Jury that all the testimony available was now before them. He thanked them for the careful attention they had given to all details throughout the prolonged investigation. He then reviewed the evidence closely, and called especial attention to the conduct and expressions of KANE and SHEEHAN, to the heavy insurances effected by KANE, to the testimony of Mr. WEBB, who described his seeing the flames leap from stair to stair, and to the threats of KANE to have the barber out of the basement if it cost him $1,000. He further reviewed the testimony at length, and concluded by complimenting Capt. WILSON and his men for the most praiseworthy exertions, and especially Officer GILLEN, for his heroic conduct, in rushing through the flames, at the peril of his life, to save the inmates of the tenement.

The Jury then retired (at 4:45 o'clock), and on their return gave the following verdict:

THE VERDICT.

We find that Mary Sandford, Wm. Turner Sandford, Charles Sandford and Martha Sandford, came to their deaths by burns received at the fire at No. 563 Second-avenue; and that Mrs. Webb came to her death by injuries received at same fire; and we further believe said fire was an incendiary act at the hands of George A. Sheehan, and that John Kane was an accessory. We further recommend that the next Legislature so amend the existing law in relation to the construction of tenement buildings in our City, making it more stringent and compelling all such houses to have fireproof wood and coal houses, and stairways which shall lead to the roof, as the testimony before us discloses the fact that the present law, in many particulars, is inoperative and defective; and we further take this occasion to express our grateful feelings toward Capt. M. B. Wilson, of the Twenty-first Precinct for his truly praiseworthy services rendered to the deceased persons on the night of the dreadful calamity which merit the esteem of every citizen, and we also express our admiration at the heroic action of Officer GILLEN, of same precinct, who so nobly periled his own life in the brave attempt to save that of Mrs. WEBB. Signed, John J. Byhmett, William Bennett, Albert Phyfe, James A. Harriot, Frederick Mondastein, W. Wheelan, E. Votaire, William Dumphy, Henry Duyckinck, Ferdinand Fur Loner.

After the reading of the verdict, the Coroner addressed a few words of thanks to the jurors, and discharged them. SHEEHAN and KANE will be held in custody at the precinct until instructions have been received from the District-Attorney, when they will probably be transferred to the Tombs, where they will doubtless remain until the Grand Jury have pronounced upon the evidence, as arson is not a bailable offence.

Vital Statistics.

Dr. HARRIS, Registrar of Vital Statistics, yesterday sent to the Board of Health the following letter and accompanying tables:

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF HEALTH,
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

In the week ending Dec. 15, there died in New-York 433 persons; in Brooklyn, 139. A marked decrease in the latter city, and an increase in the former, by 48 deaths. The increase is duly accounted for in the group of pulmonary diseases, and in the Coroner's list.

The mortality in New-York, excluding the island institution, was equal to a yearly death-rate of 27¼ per 1,000. In Brooklyn, exclusive of Kings County institutions, it was as 22½ per 1,000. Zymotic diseases in New-York caused 20¼, and in Brooklyn 12¼ per cent. of all deaths. Scarlatina and diphtheria together destroyed 31 lives in the former, and 6 in the latter city; this is a decrease from the previous week.

Diarrheal diseases show an increased number of deaths in New-York and its Almshouse, but it was wholly in early infancy and old age. 106 infants, under one year old—24½ per cent. of the total—died in New-York, and in Brooklyn 31 of that age, or 22½ per cent. of the total mortality. Of deaths at five years and under there were 188, or 43.42 per cent. of the total mortality in New-York, and in Brooklyn 54 such deaths, or 22.30 per cent. of all.

The Coroners of New-York have rendered verdicts upon fourteen persons burned to death. We place the record of this remorseless burning in the list of accidents, but for the nine dead whose remains were found after the fire in Division-street, and for the five others who perished on the premises that were burned by kerosene at No. 580 Second-avenue, a later generation and wiser laws will hereafter hold the people and the laws of our day guilty of homicide.

The Superintendent of the Unsafe Buildings avows that the laws of the State are found impotent against the evils that are making funeral pyres of crowded tenant-houses, and a thousand shopkeepers to-day rejoice in the absence of any law to prevent them from storing and handling most inflammable fluids in the stores and cellars under the over-filled habitations of every avenue.

In the several conflagrations by gross carelessness last week, there perished in all twenty-one helpless persons. Will the lesson go unheeded?

E. HARRIS,
Registrar of Vital Statistics, &c.

The following is the zymotic table:

Wards.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Croup.	Whooping Cough.	Typhus Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Cholera.	Cholera Infantum.	Other Diarrheal Diseases.	Cholera Morbus.	Other Zymotic Diseases.	Total from Zymotic Diseases.	By Accident, &c.	Total deaths from all causes.	Total population (in Wards)—Census of 1860.
*1.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	18,120
2.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,507
3.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	3,757
4.	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	9	21,994
†5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	22,341
6.	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	6	2	19	20,698
7.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9	23	40,306
8.	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	15	39,722
9.	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	20	44,356
10.	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	19	29,651
11.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	—	26	59,963
‡12	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	2	8	1	20	36,647
13.	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	13	32,929
14.	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	12	28,087
15.	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	9	27,588
16.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	15	45,183
17.	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	7	2	42	72,770
18.	—	—	1	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	33	57,464
§19	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	15	—	1	21	1	61	32,841
20.	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	33	67,554
‖21	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	5	2	35	49,025
22.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	15	61,749
	1	1	21	10	7	2	5	6	—	—	23	—	13	89	24	432	814,254

*Includes deaths in Battery Hospital.
†Includes deaths in New-York Hospital.
‡Includes deaths in Randall's and Ward's Island Hospitals.
§Includes deaths in Blackwell's Island and Colored Home Hospitals.
‖Includes deaths in Bellevue Hospital.

The number of deaths in the public institutions was 77, as follows: Castle Garden Depot, 1; New-York Hospital, 1; City Prison, 1; St. Vincent's Hospital, 3; Emigrant Refuge, Ward's Island, 9; Almshouse, 29; Charity Hospital, 6; Colored Home, 1; Lunatic Asylum, 4; Nursery Hospital, 1; St. Luke's Hospital, 3; Bellevue Hospital, 19.

THE CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Miasmatic diseases	41	43	84
Dietic diseases	2	3	5
Diathetic diseases	4	8	12
Tubercular diseases	57	52	109
Diseases of nervous system	32	24	56
Diseases of circulatory system	6	4	10
Diseases of respiratory system	36	30	66
Diseases of digestive system	11	6	17
Diseases of urinary system	11	4	15
Diseases of generative system	—	1	1
Diseases of integumentary system	—	1	1
Diseases of children	5	4	9
Diseases of women	—	2	2
Old age	1	4	5
Nutrition	6	10	16
Accident and negligent	9	14	23
Homicide	2	—	2

The following is a recapitulation of sexes and nativities of persons that died in New-York and Brooklyn during the week ending Dec. 15, 1866:

NEW-YORK.

Men	105	Girls	102
Women	110		
Boys	116	Total	433

NATIVITIES.

British America	3	Italy	1
China	1	Mexico	1
Denmark	1	Scotland	4
England	10	Turkey	1
France	1	United States	266
Germany	53	Unknown	4
Ireland	87		
Total			433

BROOKLYN.

Men	30	Girls	37
Women	35		
Boys	37	Total	139

NATIVITIES.

British America	1	Scotland	1
England	8	Switzerland	1
Germany	11	United States	86
Ireland	50		
Portugal	1	Total	139

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

The following is the meteorological table kept for the Metropolitan Board of Health for the week ending Dec. 15, 1866:

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	Days of the month.	Thermometer—Lowest Point—Night.	Daily Mean of Barometer.	Daily Mean of Tem'ture.	Daily av. of Humidity, saturation being 100.	Rain—Inches.
Sunday	9	31	29.66	41	48	....
Monday	10	17	29.98	26	47	....
Tuesday	11	17	30.01	24	46	....
Wednesday	12	23	30.02	29	47	....
Thursday	13	17	30.06	22	45	....
Friday	14	16	30.15	21	44	....
Saturday	15	14	30.25	23	50	....

Mean of Barometer for the week	29.99
Mean of Temperature for the week	27
Average of Humidity for week, Saturation being 100	.47
Total rain fall	

The Compton House Disaster—Death of Another Victim—Inquest Postponed.

Coroner GAMBLE intended concluding, yesterday, the inquest upon the bodies of WM. COMPTON, JOHN BLAKE, and KATE FLANNAGAN, who died from injuries received at the Compton House fire on the 14th inst., but he found it difficult to obtain any additional witnesses. The jury, therefore, visited the scene of the disaster and made a cursory examination of the premises. They discovered that the barrel of gasoline, which exploded, had been placed in the storeroom, about forty feet from the boiler, and that a quantity of shavings had been allowed to accumulate in the space between the furnace and the stand for barrels. It is supposed that these shavings were accidentally set on fire by some one moving about the room with a light, as the deceased cook noticed them to be on fire when she gave the alarm. Mr. COMPTON and Mr. MILLER endeavored to roll the barrel of gasoline out of the room, when it exploded and caused their injuries.

Yesterday morning about daylight Mr. OLIVER MILLER, the deaf mute and boarder, died at Bellevue Hospital from the effects of the injuries received by him. This makes four deaths by this fire.

The inquest will be resumed this morning, when aditional evidence will be offered, and the case concluded. Exactly how the fire originated will never be satisfactorily ascertained, as the only persons who could in any way give an explanation are now dead. Mr. COMPTON's remains were buried yesterday afternoon from the hotel which bears his name, the Coroner having given the necessary permit for their removal.

The Croton Aqueduct Department.

Yesterday, Mr. JOHN J. BRADLEY, the newly appointed President-Commissioner of the Croton Aqueduct Board, appeared at the office of the Commissioners and demanded to be placed in possession. Mr. STEPHENS, the present incumbent, refused to resign his position, and Mr. BRADLEY retired.

It appears that at the last session of the Legislature the following clause relating to the terms of office of the Commissioness of the Croton Department was inserted in the tax levy.

> The Engineer and Assistant Commissioner of the Croton Aqueduct Department now in office, shall continue in office for the term of three years from and after the passage of this act, (May 4, 1866,) and any vacancy in their number shall be filled by the members of the Board remaining in office. The Engineer shall receive a salary at the rate of $7,500 a year, and the President and Assistant Commissioner shall receive a salary at the rate of $5,000 a year, and no office in the department shall be abolished, nor shall the compensation of any office in the department be increased or diminished without the consent of a majority of the said chief officers.

This clause was inserted in the Tax Levy of 1866 in such a manner that it would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to find it, and probably not half a dozen persons, except those immediately interested, knew of its existence. Under its provisions, however, Mr. STEPHENS thinks he can remain in his present position for at least three years longer, by the consent of his colleagues. On the other hand it is said that the clause is void because it is inserted in a local bill referring to another subject, and is not mentioned in the title of the bill.

Yesterday the officials of the Croton Department appeared to be on the "anxious seat," and very little business was done, but the question of who would be the next President of the Board was debated at length. A janitor was placed in charge of the door leading to the private rooms of the Commissioners, and a policeman or two were also in the building.

Thus the matter stands at present, but it is believed that Mr. STEPHENS' claim cannot be maintained for an instant before the Courts. It is intimated that Messrs. CRAVEN and DARRAGH would not be unwilling to recognize Mr. BRADLEY, but as matters now stand such recognition would be of no effect.

Death of Dr. Massey—Inquest to be Continued To-day.

The inquest in case of the death of Dr. WM. R. MASSEY, who was assaulted by two unknown men in Thirty-third-street and Lexington-avenue, about three weeks ago, will be continued to-day by Coroner GAMBLE, at Bellevue Hospital. Several important witnesses will be examined, and it is understood that the Police are in possession of a clue which may lead to the detection of the persons who inflicted the wound which resulted in Dr. MASSEY's death. Two or three arrests have already been made, and one of the prisoners has been released by reason of insufficient evidence. Coroner GAMBLE expects to be able to close the investigation to-day.

Police Trials.

Before Commissioners Acton and Manierre.

Quite a large number of charges against policemen were heard yesterday by Commissioners ACTON and MANIERRE. The morning session of the Board was consumed in hearing charges preferred against officers by their superiors for infractions of discipline. But one or two of these were worthy of note.

WHAT WHISKY WILL DO.

Bad whisky will lead policemen into difficulty quite as readily as it will private citizens. as was shown in the case of Officer JOHN DONNELLY. Capt. DAVIS, of the Sixteenth Precinct, preferred a charge of drunkenness on duty against Officer DONNELLY; while Mr. RALPH KING, of No. 369 Broome-street, charged him with improper conduct. The latter gentleman testified that on the evening of the 13th inst. he was walking through the Bowery with MARY KELLY, a girl 14 years of age, who is in his employ, and when at the corner of Grand-street Officer DONNELLY accosted the girl in a most insulting and indecent manner. Thereupon Mr. LYON asked the officer if he knew anything against the character of the girl. Without further parley, the officer seized upon Mr. LYON and the girl and took them to the Station-house, throwing the gentleman down several times on the way, and violently dragging the girl. On their arrival at the Station-house, the officer made a charge against the girl for soliciting men in the street. Sergt. WEYMIS, who was in charge at the time, saw by the girl's appearance that she was not a bad character, and asked the officer to tell what he saw her do. This DONNELLY refused to do, but insisted on her being locked up. He also made a charge against Mr. LYON for interfering with him in the discharge of his duty. When asked what the prisoner had done, DONNELLY insolently replied that he'd tell that to the Judge in the morning, and refused to give the Sergeant any particulars, but demanded that both his prisoners should be incontinently committed to the cells. Capt. DAVIS, hearing of the row, stepped in and demanded of DONNELLY a distinct charge against each, which he refused to make. The Captain then told Mr. LYON to take the girl and go home. DONNELLY then swore that if they went out of the Station-house he would arrest them again and take them to another Station-house, where he should surely have them locked up. The Captain forbade him doing so, and seeing that he was drunk, ordered him not to go out on duty again. DONNELLY asked "Who the h—l will prevent my going out," when Capt. DAVIS demanded his shield and sent him out of the room, another man being detailed to cover the post of the drunken officer. DONNELLY's conduct and language were represented to have been insolent and defiant throughout. Although the accused brought a host of barkeepers and others to testify that they did not see him drunk, the evidence to the contrary was convincing, and Mr. DONNELLY will be required to seek some other means of earning his $1,200 per year.

A DETECTIVE IN TROUBLE.

Capt. HART, of the Harbor Police, appeared to prosecute charges against Officer MCCLOUD, of the detective force. It appears that two thieves had been arrested and confined in jail in Jersey City, and that efforts were made by the Jersey officers to obtain their release by means of a writ of *habeas corpus*. MCCLOUD, who is charged with complicity in this attempt to secure the release of well-known criminals, was known to have visited them, in company with the Jersey officers, while they were in prison, and while those officers were known to be working to secure the *habeas corpus*. MCCLOUD endeavored to show that he was called simply and only for the purpose of identifying the prisoners. His connection with the matter was not satisfactorily explained, and the supposition is that his visit to Jersey will cost him a trifle more than other strangers pay for the privilege of tramping through the marshes of that State.

A BLOW IN THE DARK.

Officer JAMES M. KING, of the Yonkers Sub-Precinct, was called upon to answer the charge of JAMES H. PAGE, who alleges that a few nights since he was severely beaten by a policeman in the street of Yonkers. He testified that while on his way home at night, he saw a policeman talking to a woman in the street, and because he looked inquisitively at them for a moment, the officer assaulted him with his fists. Officer KING was on duty in that particular street, but as the complainant could not positively swear that he was the man who struck him, an acquittal must follow.

CHARACTER CONSIDERED.

Miss JULIA CROSLAND, of No. 198 First-avenue, complained that while she was quietly scrubbing the floor of her chamber Officer JOHN CONNER, of the Seventeenth Precinct, came in, and after arresting her beat her severely with his club. He then took her to the Station-house, but she alleges that while on the way thither the officer made indecent proposals to her, and offered to let her go if she would yield to his desires. The officer showed that the complainant, just previous to the arrest, had thrown some hot soap suds upon another woman, and that the woman so scalded had claimed his protection. Thereupon he arrested the belligerent woman and subsequently preferred a charge against her for keeping a disorderly house. Justice LEDWITH, who heard the examination, had committed Miss CROSLAND to prison to answer the charge. Considering the character of the complainant, Officer CONNER need have no fear of the results of his trial.

A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

Capt. TODD, of the Nineteenth Precinct, was arraigned on complaint of CHARLES A. CLARK, of No. 213 Ninth-avenue, and THEODORE S. WILCOX, of Brooklyn, each of whom charges the Captain with having illegally locked them up in the Station-house. It appears that Deputy Sheriff JOHN MCKEON had seized and offered at public sale a pair of horses, harness and wagon, to satisfy a judgment. While the sale was progressing Mr. CLARK, who is a City Marshal, appeared upon the scene, and forbade the Sheriff selling the property and warned those in attendance not to purchase, he claiming to hold a chattel mortgage on the property. He further said that he should seize the property wherever he could find it. The Deputy Sheriff informed Mr. CLARK that the sale must proceed, and that he was individually and officially responsible for any damage done. Mr. O'BRIEN bought the horses and wagon for C. R. BAKER & Co., paying $230 therefor. He took a bill of sale from the Sheriff, and then consigned the horses to the care of a livery stable-keeper. Mr. CLARK went to the stable and demanded the property, and possession being denied him, he, with his assistant, Mr. WILCOX, took the horses from the stable by force. Mr. O'BRIEN called upon a policeman to arrest the parties for grand larceny, and the officer at once took CLARK, WILCOX and the disputed property to the Station-house. Here the matter was laid before Capt. TODD, who, deeming that the bill of sale given by the Sheriff vested the title to the property in O'BRIEN, returned the horses to him, and detained CLARK and WILCOX on the charge of grand larceny. They were not locked in the cells, but simply detained as prisoners for three or four hours. They were then taken before Justice KELLY, who agreed with Capt. TODD that the bill of sale from the Sheriff was all the title O'BRIEN required, and would have held CLARK and WILCOX to answer for grand larceny had O'BRIEN desired to press the matter. He, however, declined to do this, inasmuch as he had possession of the horses. For holding them prisoners at the Station-house CLARK and WILCOX preferred charges against Capt. TODD. The whole transaction was detailed by several witnesses, and when all was said it was conceded that Capt. TODD had simply performed his duty, and that CLARK had no right to take the property from the stable. The Commissioners will make little complaint of their officer if his duty is so well performed.

RECEIVED A REWARD.

EPHRAIM B. DEMAREST, of the Twentieth Precinct, was charged with having received $10 as a reward for services rendered without having obtained the permission of the Commissioners, as is required by the rules governing the force. It was shown that a burglary was committed last Summer in a private house on DEMAREST's post, while the owner of the premises was not sojourning in the country. For having fastened up his house and cared for it after the arrest of the burglars, the owner gave the officer $10, of which he made no report. As such conduct is calculated to demoralize the force, DEMAREST will doubtless lose his shield.

POLICE COURTS.

The Tombs—Before Alderman McBrien

FEMALE SHOPLIFTERS.

On Tuesday afternoon two well-dressed young women, ELIZABETH COLLINS and MARIA STUART, entered CHAS. A. HOPICK's fur-store, No. 37 Maiden-lane, and desired to be shown some goods. After a short examination of the stock the women left the premises in haste, and after their departure the proprietor missed eight mink fur collars and a muff of the value of $250. Mr. HOPICK sent one of his clerks after the women, who brought them back to the store, when they were searched by one of the women employed on the premises. Miss GEARY succeeded in finding a large pocket under the dress of COLLINS, in which all the missing goods were found. Both the shoplifters were handed over to an officer and by him arraigned before the Court, when they were held for trial and locked up in default of bail.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

SUICIDE OF A WOMAN.—MARIA MONTGOMERY, keeper of a boarding-house, No. 226 Wooster-street, while under the influence of liquor on the 9th inst., swalled a quantity of chloroform. She was subsequently discovered in the basement in a helpless state by one of the female boarders. The unfortunate woman stated that the act was voluntary, and that she wished to die. Before medical and could be summoned MARIA was seized with convulsions and delirium, in which state she remained for some time, ultimately relapsing into a state of stupor, until Sunday night last, when death ensued. An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner WILDEY, when it was stated in evidence that the deceased person had frequently threatened to destroy her own life. The *post-mortem* examination revealed the presence of chloroform in the stomach, and the Jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts. Deceased was a native of this City and 45 years of age.

THE NEW BOWERY THEATRE FIRE.—Large crowds of East-side New-Yorkers continued to congregate all day yesterday about the ruins of the New Bowery Theatre, which building was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon. The fallen walls obstructed the sidewalks and the railway tracks, causing considerable trouble. Railroad travel was, however, resumed at an early hour, large gangs of laborers being employed in removing the *débris* from the rails. Yesterday morning Detective FARLEY appeared before Alderman MCBRIEN, acting Magistrate at the Tombs Police Court, having in his custody JAMES GARDNER, a young man who had been detected in the act of picking a citizen's pocket during the progress of the fire. The prisoner was committed for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

CHRISTMAS AMONG THE POOR CHILDREN.—The Children's Aid Society of this City proposes to give the little ones under its care a good dinner on Christmas Day, and perhaps a present of clothing, if their funds will admit of it. The Society provides homes for 1,500 children every year, and since its organization it has sent West 12,000 little boys and girls who were friendless and homeless. In the newsboys' lodging-house, under its care, 7,000 different children have received shelter. In the girls' lodging-house at No. 205 Canal-street, 50 girls are nightly lodged. To the newsboys' lodging-house it is proposed to add another room of 50 beds, which will entail an additional expense of $1,000 per annum. For all these aid is earnestly solicited. The Secretary of the Society is C. L. BRACE, No. 11 Clinton Hall, Astor-place.

INCENDIARY FIRE IN SEVENTH-AVENUE.—About 11 o'clock on Tuesday night flames were discovered in the basement of the tenement-house No. 280 Seventh-avenue, occupied by GUSTAVE CASTAGNETO, as a dry goods store. The firemen were soon on the ground, and extinguished the flames with trifling damage. Subsequent examination revealed the fact that a quantity of wood and paper had been piled up in one corner, and then set on fire, and the mass was partially consumed. As this discovery was suspicious, Sergt. WATERS, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, ordered CASTAGNETO's arrest, and he was locked up for further investigation. The prisoner has an insurance of $1,000 upon his stock in the Metropolitan Insurance Company of this City.

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY-SCHOOL FAIR.—A Sunday-school building is in process of erection for the Sunday-school of the Church of the Holy Trinity, of which Rev. STEPHEN A. TYNG, Jr., is the Rector, and to aid in completing it the teachers, scholars and their friends will hold a Fair at the Harvard Rooms, corner of Sixth-avenue and Forty-second-street, beginning this evening and continuing over to-morrow evening. The popularity of the young pastor of Holy Trinity and the worthiness of the cause will, of course, secure a prosperous fair.

A MIDNIGHT ROW.—About midnight on Monday HENRY MILLER, a German sailor, belonging on board the bark *Emily*, lying at Pier No. 36 East River, was passing through Chatham-square, near Mulberry-street, when he became involved in an altercation with three unknown boys. During the struggle which ensued one of these youths stabbed MILLER in the abdomen, causing a severe wound, after which they all ran off. MILLER was removed to the New-York Hospital by the Sixth Ward Police.

HOME FOR FALLEN WOMEN, NO. 22 WEST HOUSTON-STREET.—Since the last report the following donations for the above institution have been received: Wm. B. Astor, $100; W. C. Rhinelander, $100; Thos. Barron, $100; Thos. H. Faile, $100; M. O. Roberts, $100; Jas. W. Alsop, $50; Wm. Bloodgood, $50; Jas. Lorimer Graham, $50; J. F. Lanier, $50; Mrs. Oothout, $30; Sam'l B. Scheifflin, $25; W. W. Stone, $10; through New-York *Observer*, $2.

METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.—At a meeting of the Commissioners yesterday, it was resolved that the offer of $1,000 reward for the detection and conviction of incendiaries be continued for six months longer. The attention of the Municipal authorities and of the Board of Fire Insurance Companies was called to the matter.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.—A Musical and Dramatic entertainment in aid of the Library Fund of the Osceola Club, was given at Dramatic Hall, Nos. 46 and 48 Houston-street, on Tuesday evening. To Mr. ABRAHAM H. HUMMEL, who acted as stage-manager, is due much credit for the pleasing and successful manner in which the performance was rendered.

HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS.—A charity bazaar for the benefit of the seven industrial schools of the Home for the Friendless, will commence at the chapel of the Home, No. 29 East Twenty-ninth-street, to-day and this evening, and continue till to-morrow evening.

THE SHELTERING ARMS.—The Fair in aid of "The Sheltering Arms," which was stated in yesterday's TIMES to commence on Tuesday next, began on Tuesday last, and is now going on at No. 68 West Eleventh-street.

AMUSING EXHIBITION.—Dr. COLTON will give one of his exhibitions of the laughing gas at the Cooper Institute next Saturday afternoon, for ladies only, with a free admission. See the advertisement.

THE NEW STREET COMMISSIONER.—Mr. GEORGE W. MCLEAN, the new Street Commissioner, received his certificate of appointment yesterday. He has not yet, however, taken the oath of office.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FAIR.—The ladies of St. Paul's Church, One Hundred and Seventeenth-street, Harlem, will continue their Fair to the end of the present week.

THE NEW POST-OFFICE.—The resolution relating to the new Post-office site in the Park, received the Mayor's signature yesterday.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

THE CASE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE POOR AND COUNTY CANVASSERS.—Judge GILBERT, of the Kings County Supreme Court, yesterday rendered a decision in the case of HENRY CORR against the County Board of Canvassers. CORR had made application for a writ of *mandamus* to compel the Board to show cause why they should not give a certificate of election, the relator claiming to have received a majority of the votes cast for Superintendent of the Poor of the Second District at the late election. In their return to the writ, it was stated, on behalf of the Board, that their ground of refusal was that there was no vacancy, and consequently no legal election. The Judge refused to grant the writ on the ground that it would be unavailing, and sustained his opinion by quotations from recognized legal authorities. Judgment for defendants was rendered without costs.

THE MAYOR AND THE PAWNBROKERS.—Yesterday morning a pawnbroker named WOLF, doing business in Myrtle-avenue, was brought before Mayor BOOTH on the complaint of a woman who charged him with demanding $8 50 for a garment in pawn, and on which she had received only $5. WOLF claimed that he had paid $6 on the garment, and required the remainder for keeping it in good condition. He was given to understand that no such claims could be allowed, as all pawnbrokers were required to keep articles pledged in good condition. He was allowed $7 25, with which the woman appeared satisfied.

TAKEN IN AND DONE FOR..—Three young men named HUGH CARMAN, MICHAEL MCCARTY and JAMES ELERY were arraigned before Justice BUCKLEY yesterday, on the complaint of JOHN D. EARLE, who charges them with having, the night previous, enticed him into a yard at the corner of Water and Bridge streets, and there robbed him of $100 in greenbacks. EARLE informed a policeman and the accused were taken into custody. The complainant, as alleged, was somewhat absent-minded, in consequence of the use of something stronger than water. The accused were held for a hearing.

IN POSSESSION OF TOO MUCH CLOTHING.—A man named JOHN BURKE, aged about 45 years, was taken into custody by the Forty-eighth Precinct Police, about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, on suspicion of having in his possession a considerable quantity of old military clothing, cutlery, &c., of which he could give no satisfactory account. In the pocket of one of the coats was found a discharge certificate from the army to JAMES DURYEA. The accused was held until further investigation could be made, as it is believed the articles were stolen from Fort Hamilton.

A STEAM FIRE-ENGINE CAPSIZED.—Last evening, about 6 o'clock, a new steam fire-engine, drawn by two horses, came in collision with a Fulton-avenue car in Fulton-street, opposite the City Hall, resulting in the capsizing of the apparatus, and to the injury of the driver, who was severely hurt. The car was not much damaged, but the engine, which is a new one, intended for some Southern city, was badly smashed up.

THE BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The Board of education has directed that the public schools be closed during the holidays, commencing on Friday next. They are to be reopened on the 3d of January.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT, THURSDAY, DEC. 20.—Nos. 14, 62, 13, 90, 99, 101 to 109 inclusive, 111 to 114 inclusive, 61, 88.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendars—This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—OYER AND TERMINER.

Held by Barnard, J.—Part I.—Court opens at 0 o'clock A. M.

The calendar as published yesterday remains unchanged.

Part II.—Held by Clerke, J.—Court opens at 10½ o'clock A. M.

Nos.
2772—Benedict vs. Wolf.
2800—Van Buren vs. Phelps, Jr.
2838—Dubois vs. Naylor.
2840—The Market Nat. Bank vs. Marks.
2842—Meyer vs. Roach.
2844—Groesbeck vs. Ketchum.
2846—Loper vs. Leland.
2848—Cooper vs. Conklin.
2850—The Turner Twine Co. vs. Livingston.

Nos.
2852—Ham vs. The Williamsburgh City Fire Ins. Co.
2854—Root vs. Hand.
2856—Dimick vs. McCarty.
2858—Webb vs. Dill.
2860—Phillips vs. Mulina.
2862—Webb vs. Scott, Jr.
2864—Crawford vs. The West Ins. Co.
2868—Howe vs. Bryant.
2870—Flynn vs. The Bank for Savings.
2872—Ebart vs. Hudson.
2876—Meredith vs. Wolf.

Part III.—Held by Mason, J., at No. 73 Duane-street.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.
2316—Hall vs. Weehsler.
2178—Same vs. same.
1283—Barnhardt vs. Wanman.
563—Hartley vs. James.
190—McCready vs. Johnson.
2466—Ogden vs. Harwood.
2021—Darrough vs. Scailin.
993—Benton vs. Meyers.
861—Ballentine vs. Henry.
29½—Leland vs. Leland.
2504—Bennet vs. Com.

Nos.
1810—Gould vs. Woltsohn.
2494—Paton vs. Butterfield.
670—Campbell vs. The Mayor, &c.
1067—Hiersted vs. Clerke.
1684—Copeland vs. Watson.
547—Chase vs. Loyd.
2616—Van Nostrand vs. Reeder.
1469—Anderson vs. The Minnesota Min. Co.
2628—Brown vs. Freebe.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Mason, J., at No. 73 Duane-street.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Demurrers.

Nos.
—The Farm and City National Bank vs. Gerner.

Nos.
15—The Int. Ins. Co. vs. Board of Supervisors.

Issues of Law and Fact.

Nos.
173—Marvin vs. Hoffman.
177—Hamersley vs. Byrne.
180—Taylor vs. Ketchum.
181—Calhoun vs. June.
182—Moore vs. Price.
187—Cohen vs. Jackson.
193—Eisenberg vs. Pettingil.
194—Little vs. Turnure.
308—Hemith vs. The Ber. Run. Pet. Co.
309—Jane vs. Jane.

Nos.
186—Schetter vs. Smith et al.
324—Hunt vs. Sanger.
100—Welles vs. Collins.
191—Sammers vs. Adams.
196—Palmer vs. Roe.
157—The Trustees of the N. Y. Prot. Epis. P. S. vs. Hegg et al.
185—Hart vs. Wood.
103—Coggill vs. The Alones.
101—Smith vs. Crosby.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10 o'clock A. M. Call of the Calendar at 12 o'clock M.

Nos.
20—Livingston vs. Van Ness
22—Fisk, Jr., vs. Wheeler.
37—McAdam vs. Carson et al
42—Youngs vs. Williams.
6—Haneux vs. Drew.

Nos.
61—Smith vs. Woodworth.
62—Mapes vs. Constant.
68—Hall vs. Carere.
73—Halloway vs. Hepters.
74½—Nichols vs. Harris.

The general call is No. 77—In re. the petition of Adrian for appointment.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by McCunn, J.—Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.

Nos.
2733—Rogers vs. Robbins.
2525—Read vs. Orton.
2567—McIntyre vs. Dayton.
2735—Stratton vs. Neafie.
2739—Sus vs. Leilinger.
2395—Whittemore vs. Levy.
2815—Gibson vs. Farrell.
2749—Vogel vs. Seis.

Nos.
2769—Burns vs. The Mayor &c.
2771—Casey vs. The same.
2827—Sanger vs. Bininger.
2877—Foy vs. Foster.
2839—Miller vs. Bauer.
2841—McGahey vs. Hunter.
2843—Same vs. Same.

Part II.—Case on.

No further calendar will be made up this term.

COMMON PLEAS.

Part I.—Case still on.

Part II.—Adjourned for the Term.

MARINE COURT.

Held by Judge Hearne.—Calendar called as 10 o'clock A. M.

Nos.
140—Weber vs. Seligsberg.
131—Lewis vs. Thomas.
90—Goetting vs. Schwartz.
115—Uhl vs. Franklin.
127—Brophy vs. Meyers.
138—Bristol vs. Delavallette.
141—Gray vs. Holman.
147—White vs. Shields.
150—Clark vs. Alexander.
151—Schmidt vs. Salem.

Nos.
152—Poruth vs. Nitez.
153—McElroy vs. McCabe.
154—Moss vs. Taylor.
155—Kellar vs. Chamberlain.
156—Stephens vs. Clark.
157—Tullary vs. King.
158—Campbell vs. Fish.
159—Kintzler vs. Dorlin.
160—Cockroft vs. Conner.
161—Terry vs. Downing.

Patent—Mandamus to Compel the Commissioner of Patents to Examine an Application for a Reissue—Effect of Surrender upon the Patent—Limitation of Reissue Under the Act of 1836—Power of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia to Issue the Writ of Mandamus to Government Officers.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

D. P. Holloway, Court of Patents, Plaintiff in Error, vs. Andrew Whitely.—The defendant in error is the assignee of a sectional interest in a patent granted to Jonathan Hains, on the 4th of September, 1855, for an improvement in mowing machines. He holds, by virtue of several assignments, all the territory embraced in the patent except the State of Ohio and the northern half of the State of Illinois, and in such territory he is the assignee of all the rights of the patentee.

In May, 1863, he applied to the Commissioner of Patents for a reissue of the patent, according to the 13th section of the Patent Act of 1836. The assignees of the State of Ohio and of the northern half of Illinois did not join in the application, and the Commissioner, after thorough investigation of the case, decided that the applicant, not being the assignee of the whole interest in the patent, was not entitled to the reissue asked for.

Thereupon, upon application made, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia granted a peremptory *mandamus*, commanding the respondent, the Commissioner of Patents, to refer such application to the proper examiner, or otherwise examine or cause the same to be examined according to law.

The proceedings were then removed to this Court by writ of error brought by the Commissioner, and the important question arising in the case is, whether the thirteenth section of the Patent Act of 1836, authorizing a patentee and his assigns in certain cases to reissue a patent, applies to the assignee of a sectional interest only. Similar questions constantly arise in the Patent Office, and the Commissioner therefore desires that the statute shall receive an authoritative construction. It is conceded that the extension of the right of reissue is as necessary and convenient to the assignees of sectional interests as to thewner of the whole interest; that their rights may be impaired and even lost for the want of such a power. But the objections to such a construction of the statute are, first, that it may lead to as many different patents for the same invention as the patentees should grant sectional interests in it; and, second, that the original patent must be surrendered upon a reissue. Thus, in Moffat vs. Garr (1 Black., 293,) this Court held that "a surrender of the patent to the Commissioner, in judgment of law, extinguishes the patent. It is a legal cancellation of the patent; and hence can no more be a foundation for a right after the surrender than could an act of Congress which had been repealed." If the patent be cancelled by one assignee, how can a suit be maintained upon it by another who has not joined in the reissue? Or, if the sectional assignee does not happen to possess the patent, how can he surrender it to be cancelled?

In the third place, the omission in the thirteenth section of the act to mention the grantees of sectional interests, as it does in after sections, in connection with the requirement of a surrender of the patent, would seem to imply that it was not the intention of the act to extend its provisions beyond the patentee and the assignee of the whole interest.

The plaintiff in error therefore makes two points: That the Commissioner of Patents decided correctly that the defendant in error was not entitled to a reissue of the patent, that if his decision was erroneous, a *mandamus* does not lie to correct it. The Commissioner had already done what the writ commanded him to do. Any further action, such as sending the case to an examiner, would have been useless and absurd.

The defendant in error contends that there must be some power to issue this writ in a case like the present. It is based upon the fundamental principle that there should be a remedy to enforce every right. If there were no means of compelling the public servants to obey the public will, as declared in the laws, the people would be slaves to their own servants, and arbitrary decisions would prevail over law and justice. Nowhere in the country is there so great need of the writ of *mandamus* as in the District of Columbia, where all the departments of the General Government have their offices, and where the rights of the people are so liable to infringement. And this Court, in Kenll's case, (12 Peters, 524,) decided that if the power to issue a *mandamus* in a case like the present exists anywhere, it is vested in the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, that being the highest Court of original jurisdiction within this District.

This is a proper case for the writ. The law expressly commands the Commissioner to do the act now required by him, and the Commissioner objects, as has been seen, asserting that the legal question involved is preliminary, and determinable by him alone, without appeal, and refusing to put the case upon the files of the Patent Office in such form that his refusal to grant the reissue would give the applicant an appeal to a Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

The object of applying for the writ was, that the Commissioner might be compelled to "examine" this case. Before the examination can be made the case must be duly filed; and then, if the Commissioner refuses the patent for any reason, the injured party is entitled to an appeal; but as long as the applicant is kept entirely out of the Patent Office, he is subject to the absolute will of the Commissioner, which authority deprives him of the right to appeal.

The grantee of an exclusive territorial interest in a patent has a legal right to apply for a reissue of such patent, because it cannot be doubted that the design of Congress, in establishing the reissue, was to create a remedy for all defects in the original patent, arising from any cause except fraud; and natural justice demands that any defect in the instrument of grant given by the public should be promptly corrected, the inventor having executed his part of the contract, and being therefore entitled to like execution on the part of the public. It was with this view that, four years before the passage of the Reissue Law now in force, Chief Justice Marshall decided (Grant et al. vs. Raymond, 6 Peters, 218-249,) that a patentee, irrespective of any statutory provisions, was by natural right entitled to surrender a defective patent and to obtain a fect the invention. new patent, with the corrections necessary to fully pro-

Upon the authority of this decision this Court should give the reissue statute such an equitable construction that it will harmonize with the general intent and policy of our patent system, as exemplified in the whole body of the patent laws and in a long course of enlightened decisions thereon.

But the thirteenth section of the act of 1836, which first established the reissue as now granted, provides: "And in case of his (the patentee's) death or assignment by him made of the original patent, a similar right shall rest in his executors, administrators or assigns." This statute, therefore, grants unequivocally to any assignee the same right to reissue that it grants to the patentee. If it had been the intention of Congress to restrict this right to the assignee of the whole interest alone, it would have been very easy to use words of limitation, or to have used the restrictive and definitive article "the" instead of the distributive pronoun "any," before the word assignment.

Elisha Foote, for plaintiff in error; S. S. Fisher, for defendant in error.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT—DEC. 18.

On motion of Mr. Carlisle, Hon. Gustavus Koerner, of Illinois, was admitted an attorney, &c., of this Court.

On motion of Mr. Ewing, Mr. J. Smiley, Esq., of Michigan, was admitted an attorney, &c., of this Court.

No. 70. The Union Manufacturing Co., appellants, vs. Lounsbury et al.—Argument concluded by B. K. Curtis, Esq., for the appellants.

No. 77. Isaac Graham et al. appellants, vs. The United States.—Cause argued by Mr. Johnson for appellants, and submitted on a printed argument by Mr. Stanbery for appellants.

No. 78. D. P. Holloway, &c., plaintiff in error, vs. Andrew Whitely.—Argued by Mr. Foote for plaintiff in error, and submitted on printed argument by Mr. Coombs for defendant in error.

No. 79. The Steamer Peterhoff, &c., appellant, vs. The United States.—Argument commenced by Mr. Marvin for appellant.

A. Hosweg, of Washington, D. C., was admitted an attorney, &c., of this Court.

George W. Lane vs. The United States.—This cause was argued by Mr. Norton and Mr. Weed for the Government, and Mr. Fuller for the claimant, and case submitted.

C. K. Garrison vs. United States.—Argued by Mr. Fuller for the claimant, and by Mr. Weed for the United States.

Vessels Chartered by the Government—When Contracts Not Void as Against Public Policy—Important Opinion as to the Right of Appeal.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Before Judges Barbard, Ingraham and Clerke.

Solon Howland, appellant, vs. John B. Coffin and others, respondents.—This was an appeal taken from a judgment entered on a verdict of a jury for $42 65. The claim was for $1,700, and was for commissions at five per cent. for negotiating a charter for defendants, who were owners of the steamboat *Seth Low*, to the Government during the war.

The charter was for $200 a day for thirty days, and for such longer time as the Government should require her. It was dated April 16, 1862. Under it the boat continued in the service of the Government until Dec. 1, 1863, when an entirely new charter was made, about which the plaintiff made no claim. The plaintiff claimed his commissions under the following agreement, viz.:

"I hereby agree to pay to Solon Howland, on account of his obtaining a charter from the Government for the steamer *Seth Low*, five per cent., on account of charter—say $200 per diem, more or less, so long as she remains in Government service."

The Government paid the defendants $200 per day up to March 25, 1863, when it reduced the per diem compensation to $120 per day, which was paid until December, 1863, the date the new charter was made. All of the receipts prior to 1863, for the per diem compensation of the boat, were paid on the original charter of April 15, 1862. The owners of the vessel recognized the right of the master of the vessel to bind them to the plaintiff's compensation by the contract in question, and their clerk or treasurer regularly paid him five per cent. on the charter money received by them until March 25, 1863, when they refused to pay him any more, on the ground that the reduction by the Government at the price from $200 to $120 per day, was in effect a new charter of the vessel at that price from the time of the reduction.

The defendants received on the charter $98,920. They paid the plaintiff $3,390. He claimed the balance of the per centage, viz.: $1,676 26.

Judge Bockes, who presided on the trial below, held that under the contract the charter of April 15, 1862, was ended whenever the Government reduced the compensation from $200 to $120 per day, and he ordered the Jury to render a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $42 05, excluding the commissions.

From this decision Mr. Dennis McMahon, of counsel for the plaintiff, appealed to the General Term, and agreed that the reasonable construction of the contract was that it was an agreement first, to pay the plaintiff 5 per cent. on the amount to be received by the defendants under the charter of April 15, 1862, whether it be $200 per day or more or less than that amount; otherwise to what do the words "more or less" refer? Secondly, to keep on paying to the plaintiff that amount of percentage as long as the vessel remained in Government service—otherwise what is the meaning of the words "so long as she remains in Government service," as used in the contract? Any other construction was erroneous, and the Court below erred.

Ex-Judge Dean claimed that there was no judgment to be appealed from; that the contract was void from public policy, and referred to a late case in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Court took time to consider, and have just reversed the judgment, deciding in favor of the count as contended for by Mr. McMahon. The following opinion was delivered by the Court:

CLERKE, Justice.—1. The respondents' counsel makes a point that there is no judgment in this case, and therefore nothing to appeal from. The final order provides that the plaintiff recover of the defendants $42 05 damages, without costs, and that the defendants recover of the plaintiff $42 05 for costs and disbursements, and that the said judgments offset each other. Thus they neutralize each other; but does it follow that there is no judgment? This order is something; it is a decision—a final decision—and what can that be but a judgment? The respondents' counsel is not correct, therefore, in saying there is nothing to appeal from. There is something, and that something must be deemed nothing else than a judgment—a judgment by which the plaintiff considers he has suffered wrong, and which he maintains is erroneous. The right of appeal could be effectually destroyed in many cases by a Judge, if an arrangement of this nature should have the effect claimed by the defendants' counsel. A judgment, whatever may be its provisions, is the final determination of the rights of the parties. (Code, § 245.) II. I do not think that the contract upon which the plaintiff sues is void on the ground that it contravenes public policy. Sedgwick *vs.* Stanton, 14 N. Y. Rep. 280, gives us the law very distinctly on this point. Contracts illegal at common law, as being contrary to public policy, are those which injuriously affect or subvert the public interest. By the written contract in the case above referred to, the assignor of the plaintiff undertook to obtain, at his own expense, from the State, for Stanton, a title to a lot in Syracuse, which Stanton then occupied and used for a store-yard, for which service Stanton agreed to convey, when the title should be obtained, one undivided half of the said lot. It was held that no public interest was violated in the performance of this contract. Its purpose was to induce the Commissioners of the Land Office to act upon the question of Stanton's preëmptive right to the lot. It was declared valid, and the judgment against Stanton was affirmed. In Mills *vs.* Mills, (36 Barb., 474,) the agreement was to convey land to another upon the consideration that the latter would give all the aid in his power, spend his time and use his utmost influence and exertions to procure the passage of a law pending before the Legislature granting authority to the covenanter to construct a rail track for the running of cars on Division-avenue, Williamsburgh. In the language of the Justice who delivered the opinion in this case, "The plaintiff was not employed as he lawfully might be, to prosecute a private claim, nor to collect information, prepare statements and furnish arguments freely and openly to a legislative committee in favor of any public measure which might incidentally benefit individuals;" but he was to use such exertions and influences covertly, as have done so much to corrupt the public morals and impair the public virtue of the State and nation. It was held that, although some of the other considerations mentioned in the agreement were unexceptionable, it was nevertheless void on account of the provisions to which I have referred. In the case before us the defendants agreed to pay the plaintiff a certain commission for obtaining a charter from the United States Government for their steamship. We are not to presume necessarily, because this was a charter to be obtained from the Government that any corruption or improper influences were to be resorted to for that the undertaking was injuriously to affect or subvert the public interest. We are not to presume anything wrong in a transaction in which the Government is concerned any more than where private individuals are alone concerned. The plaintiff had as good a right to obtain a charter of this kind for any other person as he would have to obtain one for himself. If the defendants thought it best to employ an agent to procure this charter, who, perhaps, possessed better tact and had more time to devote to this business, they had a perfect right to do so, and by doing so were not doing anything necessarily detrimental to the public interests, the contract then is valid. III. How far are the defendants made liable by it? They promised to pay the plaintiff five per cent., on amount of charter, say $200 per diem, more or less, so long as the vessel shall remain in Government service. The charter was obtained by the agency of the plaintiff, and the Government paid defendants $200 per diem until March 25, 1863, when it reduced the per diem compensation to $120. The defendants admitted that they were bound to pay the commissions to March 25, 1863, but as the compensation was reduced on that day, they maintain the charter which the plaintiff obtained ceased to exist, and from that day he is entitled to no commission. But the precise instrument on which the charter was written was retained between the defendants and the Government. Nothing was altered; not a single provision struck out or modified; the only change related to the compensation, and that was merely indorsed upon the instrument. This instrument was dated the 15th of April, 1862; it was of considerable length; contained numerous provisions; is very specific; is very carefully prepared, and is, as I have said, retained by the defendants and the Government as the compact by which they are to be covered during the continued employment of the vessel by the latter. They both, however, seem to think that circumstances render it proper that the compensation should be reduced, and they signify this opinion by an indorsement on this same instrument. In every other respect not in the least degree is a single sentence or word altered, and, in the words of the agreement, "the vessel remained in Government service." The indorsement, in my opinion, has not affected the identity of the instrument or the transaction; and the defendants are liable for a commission of five per cent. on $200 per diem to March 25, 1863, and on $120 per diem from that date to Dec. 1, 1863.

The judgment should be reversed. New trial ordered, costs to abide event.

D. & T. McMahon for appellant; Beebe, Dean & Donahue for respondents.

Liabilities of Married Women—Usury of a Defence.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

Before Justice Mason and a Jury.

Thomas H. Field, Administrator, &c., vs. Margaret A. Bonnett and Another.—It appeared upon the trial of this action that the plaintiff was induced by one Wm. Henry Bonnett, the husband of one of the defendants, to deposit with his wife's firm $6,954, with which they were to purchase Government bonds bearing 6 per cent. interest in gold; that they neglected to purchase the bonds, and used the money in their business without the plaintiff's consent, and about two months afterwards proposed to give their note for the amount and pay the plaintiff interest thereon equal to the value of the coupons upon such bonds as they were to have purchased; the plaintiff accepted the note, confiding in the good faith of Bonnett (he being a brother of plaintiff's deceased wife, whose money was deposited with the defendants.) When the note fell due it was not paid and the defendants claimed it was usurious.

The plaintiff thereupon returned the note, and commenced this action to recover the money misappropriated by the defendants under the original agreement, and the defendants set up as a defence:

First—That Margaret A. Bonnett was a married woman, and therefore not liable; secondly, usury in taking the note.

The Court held that the transaction was connected with the business of the defendant, and although a married woman, she was liable, and that the note given subsequent to the deposit was void, but did not affect the original contract, which was not usurious, and directed the Jury to find a verdict for the plaintiff for $7,169 04, and gave the plaintiff an allowance of $150.

Brown & Estes for plaintiff; A. Night, Jr., for defendants.

The Libel Suit Against the Sunday Mercury.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.—DEC. 19.

Before Judge Monell and a Jury.

Max Maretzek vs. William Cauldwell et al.—The trial of this cause was resumed at 11 o'clock this morning, by recalling to the stand Max Maretzek, who was cross examined by Mr. Hall. The second season of the opera in 1863 commenced with "Roberto;" "Rigoletto" was performed during that season; "Traviata was not performed that season; "Linda" may have been, can't recollect; I give about one-third as many operas out of New-York during the year as in the City; about one-third of the second tier in the Academy of Music were stockholders' seats; I have no control over the persons who occupy them or any other seats, so long as they behave themselves; no employes or artists of the opera were ever allowed to give orders for admission to the opera; only the Treasurer and myself gave orders; very few complimentary tickets were given, except to members of the Press; there were forty or fifty season tickets given out to members of the Press; outside of these I don't think that over one and a half dozen free tickets were ever given out in any one night during that season; I am the author of a book entitled *Crochets and Quavers; or, the Revelations of an Opera Manager*; I take the responsibility of the book, but I do not undertake to swear that it contains nothing but what is true. [Defendant's counsel here offered to prove that in this book the plaintiff had criticised newspapers and challenged the Press both of Germany and this country to retaliate upon him. The Court excluded the evidence.]

The tickets to members of the Press were marked "not transferable;" if they were transferred it was an abuse; I never gave orders to the door-keeper to stop a man with a Press ticket, whoever he might be, because if I did so I would get many more libels; more than one ticket was given to each paper.

[Defendant's counsel here offered to put in evidence the opera of "Rigolette" as performed at the Academy of Music, and to prove that it was such a performance as no modest lady could witness without blushing. The Court excluded the evidence as being too general to be admitted under the pleadings in the case. Defendant's counsel then moved for permission to amend his answer so as to admit the evidence on the ground that he had been taken by surprise, relying as he did, on the decision of the General Term of this Court, permitting such evidence. Plaintiff's counsel opposed the motion, on the ground that the decision of the General Term had been overruled by the Court of Appeals, and that ignorance of this fact could not be pleaded by counsel as a "surprise." The Court granted the motion, and permitted defendant to amend his answer.]

Examination of witness continued by defence—The opera of 'Rigolette' was founded on the story of Victor Hugo; it has been performed in England and all over the Continent. [Witness describes to the jury the plot of the opera]. The Duke of Mantua, one of the characters in the opera, is a "fast man;" a plot is formed in the opera to carry off the wife of the King's jester, to seduce her—the same thing is done in Shakespeare's plays.

Mr. Hall—I am not talking about Shakespeare, but about his rival, Max Maretzek.

Witness continued—There were *matinées* in 1863 at the Academy of Music.

Direct examination by Mr. Judah—I have never seen an opera or drama in which there was not a love scene the same as in "Rigoletto;" police-officers and ushers were employed by me in the theatre; no ladies were admitted unaccompanied by gentlemen; the best people in New-York attended my opera; clergymen attend it; I have performed the opera of "Rigoletto" for the last six years; there is nothing indecent in it or licentious in the *libretto*; I have seen it performed both as an opera and a drama in England, France and Germany.

Jacob Gosche recalled—Cross-examined for the defence—I had no relations to the Academy of Music except as advertising agent for the plaintiff; I attended most of the performances in 1863; have witnessed the performance of "Rigoletto" many times; I think the soprano of that opera was sung by Miss Kellogg during that season; Medora was not in that opera.

Horace P. Whitney, sworn for the defence, examined by Mr. Hall—I am one of the defendants in this suit; was present when the last witness was examined; remember meeting him in Brooklyn on one occasion; don't remember the date; it was in Winter, and shortly after the commencement of this suit; I opened the conversation by asking him if the opera business was good; he said it was; we then talked about the suit; I told him I didn't think there was any libel in the articles in the *Mercury*; he said he thought there was, and instanced the suit of Fry *vs.* Bennett; nothing was said about advertising; never had any conversation with Gosche since that time; never had any conversation with him about advertising as testified to by him yesterday; do not know Mr. Maretzek personally; advertisements at that time were set up in the *Herald* office, and slips were left at our office by Mr. Gosche five or six weeks; previous to the first alleged libel, slips of advertisements of the opera were left at our office, which were not inserted on account of a press of advertisements; I did not write either of the alleged libelous articles; Mr. Cauldwell and I are the publishers of the paper; Mr. Gosche's statement that I applied to him for dead head tickets is untrue; tickets were always sent to the office, and I directed Gosche to send them there and not to me.

Cross-examined by plaintiff's counsel—Don't know whether we have any of the slips of advertisements that were sent to our office in the Fall of 1863; I did not send word through Mr. Gosche in the Spring of 1863 that I must have more free tickets beside those sent to the critic; I stated to him that we wished to have the free tickets sent to the office so we could give them to any critic we chose; David G. Croly was employed on the paper at that time to look over the foreign and domestic news and telegraph on Saturday evening; I never sent any word through Mr. Croly that if Maretzek would send us advertisements we would cease to attack him and would attack the *Herald* in his favor; Mr. Croly had no authority to do anything outside the office for us; some years ago I resided at No. 246 Livingston-street, Brooklyn; I do not know what has become of the libel suit of District-Attorney Morris, of Brooklyn, against the *Sunday Mercury*.

The defence here rested.

REBUTTING TESTIMONT FOR PLAINTIFF.

James Gosche, recalled by plaintiff: I had positive orders from Mr. Maretzek not to send advertisements to the *Mercury* Office for the Fall season of the opera in 1863, and did not send any slips to that office.

Daniel Kingsland sworn for plaintiff: I was one of the directors of the Academy of Music in 1863, and attended the opera there; did not see any pickpockets or gamblers there to my knowledge.

Emil Ullman sworn: I was Superintendent of the Academy of Music in the Fall of 1863; the ushers were under my charge; knew the audiences that assembled there; never saw any gamblers or pickpockets there; am not acquainted with any.

The testimony closed and the Court took a recess of half an hour.

SUMMING UP.

A. Oakey Hall summed up the case to the Jury for the defendants, occupying about an hour. He spoke of the difficulty under which the defence labored in attempting to justify by proving the truth of the alleged libels, owing to the general character of the criticisms alleged to be libellous. This was the first instance he had ever known of a public man suing the Press for libel, with the exception of the case of Opdyke vs. Weed, which resulted in no advantage to either party and was now regretted by both. And more especially was it absurd for a theatrical manager to sue the newspapers for libel, for there never was an opera or a drama performed that did not owe its success to the newspapers. The charge that the criticisms of the *Mercury* were the offspring of malice, arising from the fact that the plaintiff did not advertise in the paper, was ridiculous. The *Mercury* had not solicited an advertisement since 1860. That paper, like the leading dailies, was more bothered to know what advertisements and what news to keep out of the paper than what to put in. The fact was that this libel suit grew out of the fact that the *Mercury* told the truth about the opera. The plaintiff invited criticism and the defendants accepted the invitation. Counsel here dwelt at some length upon the absurdities and incongruities of operas in general. It was a kind of amusement that was not at all suited to the practical American mind, and the audiences at operas were made mostly of foreigners, who were educated to an appreciation of this sort of thing, and of persons from the country, who went there out of curiosity. For himself, he considered Italian Opera a stupendous humbug, and this was the real sentiment of most Americans, but there were a few devotees of fashion, who have not the manliness to acknowledge it. With reference to the opera of "Rigoletto," which was among those performed by the plaintiff at the Academy of Music, it was more than absurd; it was immoral, and he would put it to the Jury in all candor, whether they would be willing to take their daughters to listen to an opera in which the entire plot was a conspiracy to seduce a woman. The defendants in this suit had simply told the truth with regard to the opera; in the first place they claimed that there was nothing libellous in the articles, but if the Jury should determine that there was anything libellous, it was for them to say whether the defendants had not entirely justified themselves by proving the truth of their statements.

S. B. H. Judah followed Mr. Hall in an address to the Jury of an hour's length in behalf of the plaintiff. He said that his learned friend's memory must be greatly at fault when he told the Jury that he never had known but one libel suit brought by a public man in this City; the books were full of libel suits brought by public men from the public down. So too must his memory be poor, or his knowledge very deficient when he spoke of the opera of "Rigoletto." So far from that opera being immoral it was an opera which inculcated the highest morality, and taught the most salutary moral lesson. It was founded on the history of Francis I., of France, who had a jester who pandered to his vices; this jester was compelled to see his own daughter fall a victim to the man for whose vices he had pandered, and finally be slain by mistake. Thus was vice punished and a great moral lesson taught. The plaintiff in this action had been styled a "public man" by his learned opponent. He was no more a public man than a merchant who depended on the public patronage for the sale of his wares. He held no office, but merely exhibited his opera for compensation, the same as the merchant sells his goods. If a merchant or a banker were to see a statement in a newspaper that his store or office was made the rendezvous for vicious characters, where it would be unsafe for respectable men and women to meet, would they not consider it libellous? These libels had been styled criticisms on plaintiff's performances. They were in no sense criticisms on the operas exhibited at the Academy of Music, but malicious attempts to prejudice the public against the Academy as a place of resort, and thereby to injure plaintiff's business. They did injure his business by diminishing the receipts of the opera, but as this fact was not denied by defendants' answer, there was no call upon the plaintiff to prove it. The law always infers malice in libels if the libellous articles are false, and in this case the defendants had utterly failed to prove the truth of their allegations, while they added insult to injury by reiterating their libels, and attempting a justification. The suit had been termed a "speculation" on the part of the plaintiff; whatever verdict the Jury might give Mr. Maretzek in this case, he would freely bestow the same on any public charity they might name, if the defendants would give the same sum. The "speculation," if there were any, was on the part of the defendants, who sought, by defending this suit, to gain a wide-spread notoriety, which would be worth more to them than the damages they would have to pay the plaintiff.

THE CHARGE TO THE JURY.

Judge MONELL charged the Jury that a libelous article against a man's place of business must so connect the proprietor with his business as to bring him into contempt or ridicule. He pointed out to the Jury those portions of the libel which, in his opinion, connected the plaintiff with his business, and made him responsible for the alleged improper manner in which it was managed. Other portions of the libelous articles might or might not be true, and whether true or not, the plaintiff could not be held responsible for them, and hence it was no libel on him to assert that they existed. It was for the Jury to say how far the defendant proved the truth of those charges which were a libel on plaintiff. A justification must come up fully to the charges made. If the justification had failed, still the Jury might consider all the evidence before them, and give it its due weight in mitigating damages.

It being late when the Court adjourned, the Jury were directed to bring in a sealed verdict Thursday morning.

The Otero Murder—Trial of Francisco Veila Sagara.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF OYER AND TERMINAR.

Before Judge Lott.

The Court of Oyer and Terminer, in Brooklyn, was crowded yesterday to hear the case of the People vs. Francisco Veila Sagara, the alleged accomplice in the tragedy of the Otero murder. Judge LOTT presided and called the Court to order at 10 A. M.

Richard Ruddy, sworn: Cloaking was purchased on the day after the murder by Gonzales and Pelicier.

Officer C. D. Smith testified to the arrest of Pelicier at Pier No. 4 at 2:30; prisoner was with him at the time.

Dr. Ayres testified as to dressing Pelicier's hand and putting gloves on.

Miss L. Evans testified that three strangers called at her house, corner of Myrtle-avenue and Canton-street, on the night of the murder; they drank hot whisky: quarter after nine they left. [Witness could not identify clothes shown of Gonzales and Pelicier.]

Felix F. Evans, sworn: Know a man named Ronnistrom; [likeness identified] he was in the habit of calling at my public house in Classon-avenue, Brooklyn.

Jane Post, sworn: Reside in New-York; passed through the City Park on the night of the murder of Otero; it was dark and rainy; as I got in the middle of the Park heard a noise; saw two men leaning over a body; then I saw another man coming toward them; he was about ten feet off; it was between quarter-past and half-past nine o'clock; saw the prisoner in jail; he was very pleasant; think he knew I was the person who passed through the Park; after he learned that fact his manner changed and he became nervous; I thought he shivered.

On cross-examination witness said it was very cold and he shivered with cold.

Richard Lee sworn: Heard of the murder of Otero; am a conductor of one of the city cars; four persons got on the car between Green and Crosby streets, in Bleecker; they got on the car near the Hotel de Cuba; Gonzales was one of the parties; Pelicier and a man whom they called Veila; (prisoner identified;) it was not later than ten minutes past seven in the evening when they got on the car; arrived at Fulton Ferry twenty-five minutes after seven; three were inside and one was outside of the car; Pelicier, Otero and Veila were inside and Gonzales was outside; Gonzales spoke about smoking, and handed me a couple of cigars; he paid the fare; should judge Otero weighed 190 pounds; am certain Veila was in the car; he stood leaning against the door; the parties were conversing in Spanish; heard of the murder the next morning; Otero offered to pay for three at first, and then Gonzales said there were four; the seats in the car were just filled.

Cross-examined—Only three got out of the car at the ferry—Gonzales, Pelicier and Otero; missed Veila in Elm-street, between White and Franklin; it might be near Walker; from the time Veila got on it was ten minutes before I missed him; his pants appeared to have a white dot in them; have served in the army; have made mistakes in personal identity; they had very little conversation; they paid their fare twice.

Redirect examination—Veila might have got on the front platform when I missed him; identified Gonzales among fifteen or sixteen persons in prison; saw Pelicier also in the prison; he turned around and recognized me; when Otero offered to pay the fare, Gonzales nodded his head to Otero, as to say it was all right.

Catherine Bromme sworn: Resided at No. 217 Centre-street in November, 1865; was acquainted with Pelicier; recollect another person coming with him to my house; recollect the murder of Otero, and it was the same night; Gonzales was the man; saw them about 10 A. M. the next morning; Gonzales had his clothes changed and was shaved; saw Pelicier the last time at dinner at 11 A. M.; Gonzales remained till Saturday evening; after that night he occupied another room, a front room; saw Gonzales have gold money; he walked up and down the room, and sometimes came out to the door; he appeared lonesome; knew Veila; he inquired for the other two the day after the murder; he went to their room; did not see him come down, but he did not stay long.

Officer Ashton—Was attached to the Forty-fourth Precinct; saw the room at No. 217 Centre-street occupied by Gonzales; found coat, vest, pantaloons, shirt and pair of drawers there. [Witness identified drawers and pants, some blood still on them; also shirt and coat.]

Capt. George A. Waddy sworn: Went to the Park on the night of Otero's murder; it was a dark, wet night. [Witness identified a dagger-sheath, razor-sheath and small razor found in the Park; also a white shirt of Pelicier.] Arrested Gonzales, and found two drafts in the lining of his coat, one for $1,500, and the other for a larger amount; he had about $60 in paper and gold; the prisoner, with Ed. Farr, came to the Station-house the day Pelicier was arrested [clothing of Otero identified:] Prisoner had conversation with the parties arrested; Viela said he knew Otero; he stated he was at the Hotel de Cuba on the night of the murder; he went with the party up Broadway, but they did not want his company and he left; when Veila first came to the Station-house he was cool enough; when he was with the prisoner he was a little nervous; Pelicier was rolling on the floor; we set him up in bed, and he commenced to talk; they first commenced to speak in Spanish and then began to talk in a strange language, and I stopped them at once; Pelicier had been stripped of his clothing; Edward Farr acted as interepter.

Cross-examined—Mrs. Post told me she thought the third object she saw in the park on the night of the murder was a man; but that it might have been a tree; the first time it stood still, but after it moved; that she supposed the three parties were committing a rape, and she ran away as fast as possible.

Officer Wilmott sworn: Was in the park on the night of the murder. [Witness identifies a dagger he found.]

Officer Carr sworn: Was in the Park, and discovered Otero's dead body and a razor. [The edge of the razor was entirely gone; identified.] Brought the body to the Station-house; found $200 in gold in Otero's pocket.

After a recess of three-quarters of an hour the trial continued.

Capt. Waddy recalled by Mr. Johnstone: Mr. Bromme denied that Gonzales was in his house; he said there was no Spaniard in the house when I came there to arrest him; afterward he told me there had been some days before some Spaniards there; just then the door slammed to, and three men jumped out, one of whom was Gonzales; Edward Carr was in company with the detectives in hunting up Gonzales.

Sergt. Ashton recalled by Mr. Johnstone: Saw Bromme making a gesture as if Gonzales was coming down; did not hear him speak.

Edward Farr Sworn: Was stopping at the Hotel de Cuba at the time of the murder; had roomed there five months; saw Gonzales the first time on Monday morning the 20th; saw him in room No. 17; the prisoner and Pelicier occupied the room; the prisoner followed me out and asked me to get three passports—one for him, one for Pelicier and one for a friend; saw Gonzales again on Tuesday morning near the hall door; saw Gonzales have the prisoner's coat, pantaloons and hat; saw him in the top of the house in room No. 34 previously, trying a suit of clothes; on Tuesday we had dinner, the prisoner, Pelicier and myself; saw Gonzales coming across the street; the prisoner asked Gonzales to come to St. Nicholas Hotel, and he said he would see; Gonzales did not come; we went and they played billiards at the hotel; after that we came back to the Hotel de Cuba; was present when Pelicier spoke about the dagger; on Wednesday morning, Nov. 22, saw Gonzales at 8 o'clock; saw Pelicier just at the door; I asked Pelicier where prisoner was; he said he did not know; he went up stairs and Gonzales came down; the prisoner was up-stairs; Pelicier and myself went to see about some steamer to sail for Brazil; could not find it; after we had dinner we returned to Hotel de Cuba; after that Pelicier asked if they had returned; the prisoner said, "No, God d——n it; I have been waiting here, and they have not come;" after that prisoner asked me to go to No. 243 Eighth-street, and see Ellen Roach, and I went there, and gave her a letter; she saw the prisoner, and they commenced talking; the prisoner then wanted to go to No. 109 Fourth-street; I refused to go, and left the prisoner with Pelicier; when the prisoner came back to the Hotel de Cuba I went to his room. [Witness identified the case of razors.] They came out of prisoner's trunk; saw prisoner sharpen a razor; the prisoner said he did not want me in the room, that he expected company; Pelicier was there; I walked down stairs; soon after they came down, and I got the key of his room, so that I might sleep there; he took it from me soon after, in a great hurry; he asked me to bring down what Pelicier would give me; I did so, and Pelicier opened Veila's trunk and took out the case of razors; he lifted up the mattress and took out the dagger and put it in his vest, and, taking a letter, came down stairs; when I came down, found Pelicier and Veila and a tall man dressed in black, with a moustache, and Gonzales; a car was passing along and the prisoner stopped it; Otero said it was too full; they then walked to Broadway and across; slept that night in Pelicier's room; about nine or half past nine A. M. the prisoner returned; he remained five minutes; he came back when I was half asleep; he did not remain over two or three minutes; he went to bed; he looked as if he had been running, and fell over the bed kind of tired; I thought he was going into a fit; he slept with his shirt on and with his neck-tie; he got up early in the morning and woke me, saying, "G—d d—n you, get up;" I thought he was going out of his senses; he said, "Let us go after the other fellows;" we went to Greene-street and then to the Barcelona Hotel; when he came out he said, "They have killed a man;" he said, "do not say anything about the razors and dagger;" was present when Madame Flores had a policeman to arrest Pelicier; when Veila went with me to the jail to see Pelicier and Gonzales, he said: "I am here now in Brooklyn, but God knows when I will get out;" he thought two officers were following him; when Veila had conversation with Pelicier I took notes in an adjoining cell; the prisoner cautioned Pelicier not to speak too much; they would speak to one another by signs and songs; Veila told me Pelicier was a schoolmate of his in Barcelona; he got acquainted with Gonzales in Havana.

On cross-examination the previous case was gone over in regard to observations made by witness. Veila was always trying to quarrel with me; he was very suspicious; June 21, 1864, first came to Baltimore as a bar-tender to Peter Riely; in April came to New-York; was bar-tender three months in the Barcelona Hotel; worked at the Lafarge Hotel a little while; then went to Fourteenth-street; then undertook to learn the cigar trade with a Mr. Gleason; was robbed of $100 by a friend who got me drunk; that money I got from the Court; that was at the time of Gonzales' trial.

The Court then adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. this morning.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 19.

By Justice Ingraham.

Aaron Joseph *vs.* L. Adler; motion granted. Alfred H. Green *vs.* The Durango Silver Mines et al.; motion granted unless defendants within twenty days set up by way of answer the defences relied on of submission and arbitration and of release; costs to abide the event. Wm. Heissenbuthl *vs.* Wm. W. Whelpley et al.; motion granted for third Friday of January. Edward Heu *vs.* H. Bier; motion denied, costs to abide the event. Dale et al. *vs.* Winston, &c.: the motion for attachment must be denied. Kinsey *vs.* H. H. Morange; motion for a commission granted. V. G. Dorchin *vs.* Jerome Merello; motion for commission granted, but no stay of proceedings; defendant must move for security for costs it denied. John Henderson, &c., *vs.* Wm. E. Darrell et al.; motion for allowance of $50 granted. Mary A. Wood *vs.* Walter R. Wood et al.; reference ordered. Henry Seger *vs.* Thomas M. Murray; motion denied. Mary A. Douglass *vs.* Charles M. Mayer; motion granted for second Friday in January. John H. Delsaerdt *vs.* Marc Griffin; motion granted. Wm. A. Goodman et al. *vs.* Solomon Storm; motion granted. Francis Clemitson *vs.* Wm. H. Wilson et al.; motion denied, with leave to renew on other papers. John B. Stevens *vs.* Mary F. Capen, &c.; motion granted unless the applicant, within ten days, files a new bond to be approved by the Surrogate and pays $10, costs of this motion; Casper Schaurburger *vs.* George Weiln; motion granted on payment of costs, defendant to serve answer in five days; judgment and execution to stand as security, and cause to be placed on short calendar for first Friday of January. J. G. Haviland *vs.* M. Morris; motion granted. George A. Wicks, &c., *vs.* F. Harris; motion granted for third Friday of January. J. A. Dorman *vs.* Moses Gauza; motion granted. Lycurgus Edgerton *vs.* Wm. W. Whelpley; motion granted. Wm. Mann *vs.* Wm. Herrick et al.; motion granted, with costs. Goodyear India Rubber Glove Manufacturing Company *vs.* Wm. Herrick et al.; motion granted, with costs. A. Collie et al. *vs.* Henry Hart; motion granted. The People ex rel. John Ranges *vs.* Wm. H. Bull; to bring a party into contempt the service of the mandamus must be personal; this does not appear to have been done in this case. James Fisk, Jr., et al. *vs.* Justin G. Riley et al.; the answer may be bad in demurrer, but is not so clearly bad as to be considered frivolous; the motion is denied; defendants' costs to abide the event. Jeffrey Kase *vs.* Joseph D. Torre et al.; Edgar E. Holley *vs.* Isaac W. Dean; John R. Andrews *vs.* Wm. M. Giles; Geo. F. Wellman *vs.* Jubez M. Herbert; John H. Mellor *vs.* John C. Fremont; motions granted in each case. James Fisk, Jr., et al. *vs.* Frederick A. Wheeler, et al.; The Same *vs.* J. C. Harriott; motions denied with $10 costs. James Savage *vs.* Thomas Kane et al.; motion granted. James Martine *vs.* Chas. A. Van Doren; motion denied on conditions.

By Justice Barnard.

August Ritter et al. *vs.* Wm. Albut et al.; order appointing R. C. Beamish receiver granted. Ann L. Murphy *vs.* Andrew Gross; order granted. Amanda A. Trimble *vs.* Wm. Trimble; report of referee confirmed, and judgment of divorce granted. John H. Snyder *vs.* Mary A. Snyder; report of referee confirmed, and judgment of divorce granted.

By Justice Sutherland.

Edward Bement *vs.* The Plattsburgh and Montreal Railroad Company et al.; the exceptions of the plaintiff to the conclusions of law of the referee were well taken, and are sustained, with $10 costs to the plaintiff, to abide the final decision. Order to be settled on notice. (See opinion.)

Conviction in a Rape Case—The Prisoner Sent to State Prison for Twenty Years.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

AN OLD TRANGRESSOR.

James Isaacs pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny. The prisoner was brought into Court on a bench warrant, his bail having proved to be of the straw persuasion. On the 2d of November he went into the store of Chas. Sternbach, No. 62 White-street, in company with Charles Phillips, indicted with him, and was seen following Phillips out, the latter having in his possession two pieces of cassimere of the value of $125. He was sentenced to the State Prison for two years and six months. He was formerly convicted of burglary under the name of Louis Isaacs, *alias* James Isaacs, having on the night of the 15th of September entered the house of Edward Burke, No. 27 Allen-street, and stolen therefrom silver-plate to the value of $50. On that occasion the Agent of the Prison Association interposed in his behalf, and presented an array of letters from various persons, setting forth the previous good character of the prisoner and his wife, and promising that, if an opportunity was given, he would go to New-Orleans, or go into the United States Navy for three years. In order to afford this opportunity sentence was suspended and the prisoner discharged. The Recorder took advantage of his reappearance to impose the suspended sentence, and added two years and six months to his term in the State Prison, making the full term of five years.

A COTTON THIEF CONVICTED.

Terrence Keevan, whose case was stated at length in yesterday's TIMES, was convicted of grand larceny, and remanded for sentence.

A BUSINESS-DIRECTORY MAN.

William M. Jones pleaded guilty of obtaining money under false pretences. He obtained the sum of nine dollars from Moses J. Martin, of No. 143 Bowery, on the 1st of January last, on the promise of advertising the said Martin on the outside cover of the *New-York State Business Directory*. He was remanded for sentence.

A SAIL, HO!

John Nolan pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny. He stole a sail worth $150, belonging to the ship *Clara Wheeler*, and carried it away in a boat, on the 24th of November. He was remanded for sentence.

EMBRACED AN OPPORTUNITY.

Henry Limerick pleaded guilty of grand larceny of money. He was employed by Mr. Francis P. Doyle, No. 144 Grand-street, and, on the 12th of December, Mr. Doyle had occasion to leave his desk for a short time, leaving the prisoner until his return. During this temporary absence the prisoner broke open the desk drawer and took therefrom the sum of $806 in Treasury notes. He was remanded for sentence.

TRIED AND ACQUITTED.

John Clark, indicted for burglary in the third degree, was tried and acquitted. He was charged with breaking into the store of Adolph Olrig, No. 60 Duane-street, on the night of the 16th of November, and stealing therefrom ten pieces of cloth of the value of $2,000.

A REVOLTING RAPE CASE.

John Sinnot, indicted for rape, was brought up for trial. He was charged with committing an outrage upon Catherine McDade, a child 6 years of age, last September. The facts in the case were related to the Court and Jury with all the delicacy and care which usually characterize Mr. Bedford's manner upon occasions requiring regard for public decency. The evidence was taken in a manner calculated to baffle the curiosity of the spectators in the Court room, while the interests of the prisoner and the prerogatives of the Jury were equally preserved. After hearing the testimony and counsel for defence, the Jury found the prisoner guilty, and the Recorder sentenced him to the State Prison for twenty years.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales from 10 to 12 at the Stock Exchange

—DEC. 19, 1866.

$13,000	U. S. 5s, '71...C.	103	8	Stonington R.......	99½
12,000	U. S. 6s, '81...C.	112¼	200	Erie R. Pr.	86
5,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,R. '62	108	300	M. S. & N. I.	81½
25,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65	106⅜	300	do.........b10	82
25,500	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65 New Issue	108⅛	100	do.........b15	82
			200	do.........b10	81⅞
1,000	do	108⅝	400	do.	82
10,000	U.S.5s,10-40s..C.	100	2000	do.	81¾
16,500	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. Sec. Ser.	105¼	200	Cleve. & Pitts.	90
			1000	do	85½
10,000	do.....3d Ser.	105⅛	100	Cle. Col. & Cin. R..	110
15,000	do.	105⅛	800	Reading R.......x-d	107¼
3,000	Tenn. St. 6s..x-c	69½	300	do	107
12,000	do	70	500	do	106⅞
1,000	do	69⅞	200	do..........s30	106⅞
6,000	N. Car. 6s, N....	50	300	do	106⅜
10,000	do.	50½	100	Chi. & N. W.	53⅝
2,000	Mo. 6s, H. & St.J. Issue	85	700	do	52⅞
			400	do	52⅝
11,000	Mo. 6s, issued to Pacific R.	93	600	Chi. & N.W.P.	79
			100	do	79¼
35,000	Ohio & M. Cer..	29⅜	500	do	79⅜
10,000	Erie 4th M.	93½	1500	do..........b30	79¼
1,400	Tol.& Wab.2d M.	75	100	do..........s6	78
2,500	Ill. Cen. Bs.	106	6	do	78⅜
50	Bk. State of N. Y..	108⅜	100	do..........s30	77
10	Ninth Nat. Bank..	120	450	Clev. & Tol. R.	118
100	Cumb. Coal. Pr.	68⅜	200	do	118⅝
200	Mar. Pref.	31⅛	200	do	119
100	West. U. Tel.	48⅛	500	do	119¼
100	Atlantic S.S.Co.	109	2000	do	119⅜
100	do	109¼	200	do	119½
500	Union Nav. Co.	105⅝	100	do	119¼
500	Bos. Water P.	32	1300	do	119
100	do..........b30	32	200	Chic. & R. I.	105
300	do	31⅞	100	do..........s30	104⅝
100	do..........b30	32⅛	100	do..........b10	104⅞
200	Wilkes. Coal	63	500	do	104⅞
100	Butler Coal	20⅛	100	P., Ft. W. & C.	107⅛
25	Pac. Mail S. Co.	171½	200	do..........s30	106¾
100	do [illegible]	170⅜	800	do	107⅛
100	N. Y. Central	111⅛	100	Morris & Essex	80
400	do	110⅞	25	Chic., B. & Q.	130⅜
200	do	110⅞	100	do	131
100	Erie Railroad	73⅛	55	Chic. & Alt.	110
300	do	73¼	400	Mil. & St. P. Pr.	68
1600	do	73⅜			

2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

65,000	U.S.6s,5-20s,C.'65 New Issue	108⅛	100	Mich. Cen. R	112¾
			400	Mich. S. & N. I	81⅝
10,000	U.S.5s,10-40s..C.	100	100	Ill. Central R.	118
15,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Ser.	105⅛	200	Mil. & St. P. Pr	68
			200	Erie Railroad	73⅛
6,000	do....2d Ser.	105¼	100	do	73¼
50,000	Mo. St. 6s	93	100	Clev. & Pitts R.	89¼
100	Canton Co.	45⅜	200	Chic. & N. W.	52⅞
100	do	45½	549	Chic. & N. W. P.	78¼
100	West. U. Tel.	48⅛	50	Cleve. & Tol.	120
100	Mar. Min. Pref.	31	300	do	121
200	At. Mail St. C.	109	200	do	121⅛
200	Boston W. P....b30	32¼	1000	do	121
400	do	31⅞	200	do	121¼
200	Pac. Mail S. S. Co.	170	800	Chic. & R. I.	104⅜
44	N. Y. Cen.	111⅛	300	P. F. W. & C.	106⅞
1000	Reading R....x-d	106⅝			

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Boston W. P	30¾	1600	M. S. & N. I.	82
100	do	30⅞	100	do	82¼
100	Mar. Pref.	31⅛	600	do	82⅛
100	At. M. S. Co.	106⅛	200	do..........b10	82⅛
300	do	106⅝	800	do..........b5	82⅜
200	do	109	200	do..........s10	82
100	do	[illegible]	200	do..........b15	82
400	Union Nav. Co.	105⅜	200	Clev. & P. R.	89⅜
300	do	105⅝	200	Chi. R. I. & P.	105
300	do	105⅛	200	do..........s3	105
1600	Erie Railroad..b3	73⅛	100	do..........b10	105⅛
400	do	73⅛	100	do..........s15	105
300	do..........s3	73⅛	200	Chi. & N. W.	53⅜
400	do	73⅛	100	do..........b3	53⅜
200	do..........b10	73⅜	200	do..........s10	53⅝
100	Hudson R. R....s60	121	200	do	53⅜
300	Reading R....x-d	107	300	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	79⅜
500	do..........b3	107⅛	500	do	79⅜
1000	do..........s5	107	100	do..........b3	79⅜
400	Clev. & Tol.	118	400	do..........b3	79⅜
300	do	117⅞	400	P., F. W. & C.	107
200	do..........b10	117⅞			

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	O. & M. Cer.	29⅛	300	M. S. & N. I.	81⅜
400	Butler Coal Co.	20⅛	600	do	81⅞
100	do..........b10	20¼	200	do..........b10	82
100	Quick. Min. Co.	45⅜	300	do..........s3	81⅞
200	do	45	100	do..........s15	81⅞
200	Mar. Min. Pr.	31	300	Cleve. & Tol	120
300	At. Mail S. Co.	109	500	do..........b3	120
100	Union Nav. Co.	105⅜	200	do	119⅞
200	do	105⅜	100	Ch., R. I. & P.	104⅞
100	do..........b3	105⅛	100	do..........b3	105
100	do..........b10	105⅛	100	do..........s10	105
100	do..........s3	105⅜	200	Clev. & Pitts.	89⅝
100	West. U. Tel.	48⅛	3200	Chic. & N. W	53
600	New-York Cen....s3	111	100	do	53⅛
100	do..........s20	110⅞	800	do	53⅛
200	Boston W. P.	31⅝	100	do..........b3	53⅛
600	Erie R.	73⅛	200	do..........s4	52⅞
800	do..........s3	73⅛	500	do..........b10	53
200	do..........b10	73⅛	400	do..........c	52⅞
300	do..........b5	73⅛	500	do..........b3	52⅞
200	do..........s5	73⅛	800	Chi. & N. W. P.	78⅞
600	Reading R....x-d	106⅜	300	do..........b10	78⅞
200	do..........b10	106⅜	600	do..........b3	78⅞
200	do..........b3	106⅜	300	do..........s3	78⅞
800	do	106¼	100	P., F. W. & C....b3	106⅞
400	do..........s3	106¼	300	Mil. & St. P. Pr.	68

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

$10,000	Ohio & M. C.	29⅛	1200	M. So. & N. I.	81⅝
600	Boston W. P.	31⅜	100	do..........b3	81⅝
200	Cum. Coal.	68	300	do..........b3	81⅝
200	Wilkes. Coal.	62⅛	600	do..........s3	81⅝
100	Butler Coal....b10	20⅛	200	do..........s10	81⅝
100	At. M. S. S. Co. b4	109	200	Clev. & Pitts	88⅞
100	do	109	500	do	88⅝
100	Union Nav. Co.	105⅜	200	do..........s5	88⅝
100	West. U. Tel....x-d	48⅛	1800	Cleve. & Tol.	122¼
200	Erie R.	72⅞	400	do	122
600	do	72⅞	800	Chi., R. I. & P.	104⅛
[illegible]	do	73	100	do..........b10	104⅛
100	do..........s10	72⅞	100	do..........s15	104⅛
500	do..........s3	73	200	Chi. & N. W	52⅞
200	do	73⅛	800	do	52⅞
500	do..........b3	73⅛	1200	do	52⅞
200	do..........s5	73	200	do..........s4	52
100	N. Y. Cen....b3	110⅞	200	do..........b10	52⅞
400	Reading R....x-d	105⅛	400	do..........b3	52⅞
200	do	105⅛	200	do..........b5	52⅞
1200	do	105	400	C. & N. W. Pr.	78⅞
400	do..........b3	105	1000	do	78⅞
400	do	104⅞	1200	do..........s30	76⅞
600	Mich. Cen.	112⅞	500	do..........b10	78⅞
300	P., F. W. & C.	106⅞	500	do..........b30	78⅞
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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19—P. M.

The sales of Gold broke down below 137 ℘ cent. to-day. The Foreign Exchanges are also lower and in better supply. It looks as though the leading Bankers will accept 109 ℘ cent. on London for Saturday's mail. The quotation to-day is 109@109¼ ℘ cent. A decided impulse has been given to Cotton in this and the Southern markets by the Liverpool telegrams of yesterday and this forenoon. Some considerable purchases are making here for export, and we hear of large consignments going forward to Liverpool direct from New-Orleans under advances from one or two prominent New-York Banking Houses who have Agencies in that city. The Bills made against such operations do not appear in market, as they are taken to account by the Bankers who make the advances for account of their English branch houses or correspondents. The Liverpool market to-day is reported as very much excited, and Middling Uplands 14½d. The present movement in the trade on the other side is based, in part, on reduced estimates of the American crop, which now range 1,500,000 to 1,800,000 bales, but with exceptions at 2,000,000@2,250,000 bales. The quotation for U. S. 5-20s in London is also gradually going up, and the telegrams of yesterday speak of the favorable reception of the Public Documents from Washington on our financial situation. These advices have their influence on the Gold Room to discourage anything like an upward speculation. The Cash Gold is moderately easy.

In the Money market there is a good inquiry from the Brokers at 6 ℘ cent., but not of a pressing nature. Some of the Banks continue to charge 7 ℘ cent., on call, on Miscellaneous and 6 ℘ cent. on Government Collateral—when they can place balances at this figure on the latter. Others accept 6 and 5 ℘ cent. respectively. The speculation on the Stock Exchange continues active, and while the *short* interest keep up a pretty sharp fight against the Railways generally, the market displays great sensitiveness in the opposite direction whenever any particular Stock or Stocks, as in the case of the Northwest on Monday and Toledo on yesterday and to-day, are in especial demand. The latter has advanced *seven per cent.* in the two days. Erie and Michigan Southern, which shared a strong advance yesterday forenoon, and also the Northwest Stocks were opposed to-day by the party selling for the decline, and the general movement was thus made less buoyant. The ultimate decline, however, was not important as compared with last night. The State Bonds were better for North Carolinas, and firm for Tennessees and Missouris at previous figures. There was nothing of importance done in the Miscellaneous Shares. Toledo sold this afternoon as high as 122 ℘ cent., as against 113 last week. In the Public Funds the changes are not marked. The advance in 1862s and 1865s in London is qualified by the decline in Gold here. At 5 o'clock this P. M. the following quotations were made as compared with Tuesday night:

	Tues.	Wed.		Tues.	Wed.
U. S. 10-40s	99¾	100	Northwest	50¼	52⅞
U. S. 5-20s	107⅝	107⅜	N. West Pref.	79⅜	78⅞
U. S. 7.30s	105⅛	105⅛	Rock Island	105	104⅞
N. Y. Central	111⅛	110⅞	Fort Wayne	107⅛	107
Erie	73⅜	73⅜	Cumb'land Coal	66	68
Hudson	121⅛	121	Quicksilver	45	45
Reading	106⅞	105	W. U. Telegraph	48⅛	*46⅛
Mich. Southern	82⅛	81⅛	Mariposa Pref.	31⅛	31
Illinois Central	117⅞	117⅞	Ohio Certificates	29⅛	[illegible]
Pittsburgh	91	89⅞	American Gold	137⅜	137⅛
Tennessee 6s	69⅛	69⅛	Bills on London	109⅛	109¼

*Ex-dividend.

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	118	East River	100
Manhattan	135	Nassau	105
Phenix	111	Shoe and Leather	115
Tradesmen's	143	Continental	103
National	108	Commonwealth	110
Merchants' Exch'ge.	114	Atlantic	105
State of New York	108⅜	Impt'rs. & Traders	115
Commerce	117	Park	150
Ocean	103	Central National	110
American Exchange	114¼	Fourth National	110½
Bank of the Republic	114	Ninth National	120
Bank of N. America	112	Tenth National	107
Hanover	114	Oriental Bank	130
Irving	105		

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	103	Tol. & Wab. 1st M.	93
Erie 7s, 3d mort. 1883	98½	Tol. & W. 2d M.	75
Erie 7s, 4th mort. 1880	93	Tol. & Wab. Equ. Bds.	68
Buff. N. Y & E. 1st M. '77	95	Gt. Western, 1st M. '88	95
Hud. R. 7s, 1st M. 1869	102½	Gt. Western 2d M., '93	70
Harlem 1st M. '69-'72	100½	Ill. & So. Iowa 1st M.	75
Mich. C. new 1st M. 8s. '82	108	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 1st M.	101½
Chi., B. & Q. 8 ℘ ct. 1st M.	111	Pitts., Ft. W&Ch. 3d M.	87
Mich. So. 7 ℘ c. 2d M	90	Chi. & Alton Inc.	98½
N. Ind. Goshen L. 1868	95	Chi. & Al. 1st M.	101½
Ill. Cen. 7 ℘ c. 1875	103	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M.	84
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pt.	80	Marietta & Cin. 1st M.	86
Chic. & Alton. S. F.	96	Joliet & Chic. 1st M.	100
Cons. 7 ℘ c. conv.	83		

The business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer to-day was as follows: Total Receipts, $1,789,599 77, of which $106,000 were for Customs; Gold Notes, $406,000; Payments, $705,238 29; Balance, $109,811,419 11.

The Western Bankers and some of the Boston and Philadelphia Banks are sending Currency (Greenbacks and National Bank Notes) to their correspondents here. There is a moderate Southern demand for National Currency.

Mr. A. ALTMAN, of the Stock and Banking House of Messrs. SMITH, MARTIN & Co., No. 11 Broad-street, has been admitted a member of the Open Board of Brokers.

The Ninth National Bank has declared a half yearly Dividend of six ℘ cent., payable Jan. 2.

To-day the regular Stock Exchange Board resolved to return to the old system of only two sessions a day, 10:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M., but adding one hour to the former and half an hour to the latter. The Morning Board will continue to 1 o'clock instead of adjourning at 12 noon, and the Afternoon Board to 3:30 P. M. in place of breaking up at 3 P. M. The continuous session from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., attempted yesterday, was found to work badly.

A letter from Mr. BLAIR, of the Iowa Extension of the Northwest Road, to Mr. OGDEN, the President of the Company, reports that the new line was completed within 15 miles of Omaha on the 14th inst. This adds 24 miles west of Woodbine, to which the cars were previously running.

The Metropolitan National Bank has declared a half yearly dividend of six ℘ cent., payable Jan. 2. The excess of profits for the six months over this dividend, added to the previous large surplus, will make about 40 ℘ cent. undivided on the capital of four millions. The prosperity of the Bank under its national organization is especially gratifying to the management as well as the stockholders, as they gave up their 8 ℘ cent. a year under the old State system with some hesitation.

The Merchants' National Exchange Bank has declared a half yearly dividend of five ℘ cent., and the Tradesmen's National, seven and a half ℘ cent. half yearly. The Seventh Ward National, a half yearly dividend of five ℘ cent.

The Michigan Central Railway Company have declared a half yearly dividend of five ℘ cent., payable Jan. 2.

Mr. A. H. NICOLAY will hold his regular semi-weekly auction sale of Stocks and Bonds this day, Thursday, at 12:30 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.

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GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of produce since our last have been 9 bbls. Ashes, 3,932 bbls. Flour, 150 bbls. and 2,642 bags Corn Meal, 5,723 bushels Corn, 3,110 bushels Oats, 50 pkgs. Pork, 203 pkgs. Lard, 1,345 pkgs. Beef, and 355 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Have been quiet and heavy at $8 25@$8 50 for Pots, and $12@$12 25 for Pearls, ℘ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Has been in request and steady in price; Java at 24½c.@25½c.; Native Ceylon, 18½c.@20½c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@19½c.; Laguayra, 17½c.@18½c.; Rio, 15½c.@18c.; St. Domingo, 16c.@16½c., in gold, ℘ lb.

COTTON—Influenced by the highly favorable advices from Liverpool, the market has been more active and decidedly firmer to-day, closing in favor of sellers, who do not seem eager to realize at even the improved rates, as they anticipate a further rise. Middlings, 35c.@37c. ℘ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 4,900 bales, against receipts of 3,130 bales. Mr. WRIGHT, in his circular for the *Asia*, says: "In this market during the past week prices have fluctuated and the business been regulated in accordance to the daily advices received from Liverpool by the cable. The sales are estimated at 18,000 bales, mainly to speculators and for export, the market closing firmly at the submitted quotations. For future delivery sales have been made at 34c. for Middling Uplands, deliverable in January, and at 36c. for March." Of the receipts and exports, he adds: "Receipts for next week's tables are from 8,000 to 10,000 bales ahead of any week so far. This I anticipated. Toward the end of January the amount received will be a fair criterion of the crop. As usual we shall have heavy receipts up to the holidays, a slight falling off for a couple of weeks, and the heaviest receipts of the season during the succeeding four or five weeks. To reach the total generally expected, we ought to receive half a million of bales in the next eight weeks. Exports to Europe will be considerable in the next two weeks, and will keep the apparent stocks at the ports from over-running 500,000 bales. Southern markets, by mail and telegraph for the fortnight ending 15th, show a very large business compared with any fortnight this season. The sales will reach nearly 100,000 bales, the business pretty equally divided between Northern and European buyers, and the price ranging about 31½c. for Middling, with 9 16d. freight and 147 exchange. These rates show a fair margin in shipments to Liverpool, where excessive loss in weight does not eat it all up. The quality of the receipts continues much above the average, and there will be but little inferior or even leafy cotton compared with past years."

Movements in Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts thus far this week	11,186
Receipts last week	18,726
Receipts preceeding week	19,726
Receipts since Dec. 1, 1866	51,020
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1866	214,539
Receipts since Jan. 1, 1866	625,870
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1866	511,630
Exports since Dec. 1	16,331
Exports since Sept. 1	91,652
Exports since Jan. 1, 1866	368,009
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1866	495,309
Estimated stock on hand here	150,000
Receipts at all the shipping ports of the United States from the close of the war, May 1, 1865, to Sept. 1, 1866	2,571,040
Receipts at all the ports from Sept. 1, 1866, to latest mail dates	550,100
Exports from all the ports since Sept. 1, 1866	205,000
Estimated stock on hand at all the ports at latest mail dates	460,000

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been in less request to-day, closing rather in favor of buyers, though without any pressure on the part of the principal holders to realize. Sales since our last have been 11,800 bbls., including very poor to choice Superfine State and Western at $8 25@$10 40; common to fair Extra State, fresh inspection, at $10 65@$11 25; fair to choice do. do. at $11 30@$12 10; round-hoop Extra Ohio, poor to good shipping brands, at $11@$12 10 ℘ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$8 25	@10 40
Extra State	10 65	@12 10
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	9 35	@14 75
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	11 00	@12 10
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	12 15	@15 25
Extra Genesee	12 15	@15 00
Common to choice extra Missouri	13 25	@16 50

Southern Flour has been inactive, but firmly held. Sales since our last 400 bbls., in lots, at $11 15@$13 25 for poor to good, and $13 25@$16 50 for good to very choice extra brands, ℘ bbl. Canadian Flour is scarce and in request; 200 bbls. Extra sold at $12 75@$15 ℘ bbl. Rye Flour continues in good request, including Superfine at $6 10@$7 75 ℘ bbl.; sales 870 bbls. Corn Meal is in rather more demand at $5 10@$5 20 for Western, $5 10@$5 25 for Jersey, and $5 25@$5 35 for Brandywine, ℘ bbl.; sales of 450 bbls. Buckwheat Flour is in less request at $3 25@$3 75 ℘ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Desirable lots of Wheat have been scarce and held firmly to-day. The demand, however, has been limited. Sales since our last 25,000 bushels, including White Canada at $3 25; Chicago Spring and Milwaukee Club, $2 38@$2 45—the latter rate for a small lot; and Amber State, $3 10@$3 15 ℘ bushel. Corn has been dull and heavy to-day, clos- in favor of purchasers. Sales since our last 43,000 bushels, at $1 13@$1 14 for inferior to prime mixed Western, in store and afloat, closing at $1 13@$1 13½ in store; $1 15 for old Yellow Western, delivered; and $1 06@$1 13 for new Yellow and White Jersey and Southern, ℘ bushel. Rye has been pretty brisk and buoyant; sales since our last 27,000 bushels at $1 33@$1 35 for State; $1 30 for Canada West, free, and $1 25 for Western ℘ bushel. Barley has been in more demand, but rather less firm in price. Sales have been reported since our last of 56,000 bushels, at $1 15@$1 20 for Canada West, free; 95c. for do. in bond; $1 21 for State and delivered, and 75c.@78c. for unsound Western, ℘ bushel. Barley Malt continues quiet at $1 30@$1 40 ℘ bushel. Oats have been in limited request and cheaper. We quote Chicago and Milwaukee at 64c.@66c.; Canada, free, at 70c., and State at 69c.@70c. ℘ bushel; sales 51,000 bushels. Of Canada Peas, 4,000 bushels sold, free, at $1 50@$1 52 ℘ bushel.

HAY—North River bale is in moderate supply and demand at 95c.@$1 05 for shipment, and $1 10@$1 35 for local use, ℘ 100 lbs. Straw, 70c.@$1 10 ℘ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continue in good request and firm, including new at 35c.@65c.; old at 20c.@45c.; also foreign at 40c.@55c. ℘ lb.

LATHS—Eastern are dull and heavy at $3 50 ℘ thousand.

MOLASSES—Is quiet to-day, including Porto Rico at 52c.@65c.; English Island at 52½c.@56½c.; Cuba at 40c.@55c.; New-Orleans, 70c.@85c. ℘ gallon.

OILS—Continue inactive, including Crude Whale at $1 15@$1 25; Bleached Whale at $1 30@$1 35; Crude Sperm at $2 60@$2 65; Unbleached do. at $2 90@$3; Lard Oil at $1 10@$1 25; Red Oil at 75c.@95c.; Linseed Oil at $1 [illegible]$1 35 for English and American, ℘ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Have been in very moderate demand, including Spirits Turpentine at 71c.@73c. ℘ gallon; Crude do. at $6@$6 50; Resin at $4 62½@$11 ℘ 280 lbs.; Tar at $2 25@$3 ℘ bbl.

PETROLEUM—Is in limited request at 19c.@20c. for Crude; 28c.@32c. for ordinary to prime White Refined, in bond, and 43c.@45c. for do., free, ℘ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been more freely offered and has been in less request at reduced prices, the market closing heavily at our inside figures. Sales have been reported since our last of 5,300 bbls., in lots, at $19 90@$20 25, cash and regular way, for one year old Mess, closing heavily at $20, either way; $20 37@$21 for new City and Western Mess; $20 for Prime Mess; $17 37@$17 75 for Old and New Prime, ℘ bbl. Sales were also reported of 2,750 bbls. December, $19 87½; New Mess, for foward delivery, including seller January, part at $20 50@$21, and seller February at $21, ℘ bbl. Cut Meats have been lightly dealt in at former prices; sales 170 pkgs., at 9c.@10c. for Shoulders, and 10c.@12c. for Hams, ℘ lb. Bacon continues dull and depressed. Sales 110 boxes, including Cumberland, on private terms and old Short Rib 9⅞c.@10c. ℘ lb. Lard has been heavy and declining: the demand has been very limited. Sales since our last 690 tcs. and bbls., in lots, at from 12c.@12⅜c., for old and 12⅞c.@13c. for new ℘ lb. Beef is in less demand and heavy. We quote at $13@$17 for Plain Mess and $16 50@$20 50 for Extra do.; sales have been reported of 600 bbls. Tierce Beef is quiet to-day; 140 tcs. sold, part at $32@$34 50 for India Mess, and $28@$31 for Prime Mess. Beef Hams continue in demand at $27@$33 ℘ bbl.; sales 270 bbls. Dressed Hogs are in rather more request at 8⅜c.@9⅛c. for heavy and light, chiefly City, ℘ lb. Butter continues in request at 30c.@42c. for State, and 45c.@50c. for Fancy do., and 15c.@32c. for poor to good Western, ℘ lb. Cheese is in moderate demand at 8c.@17c. ℘ lb.

SUGARS—Are moderately inquired for at uniform prices. Sales since our last 674 hhds. Cuba, &c., at from 9⅜c.@11⅛c. ℘ lb. Refined Sugars are in fair demand at 13⅛c.@15⅛c. ℘ lb.

STEARINE—Sales 32,000 lbs., at 9⅛c.@11⅛c. ℘ lb.

TALLOW—Sales 96,000 lbs., at 11c.@11⅛c., and small lots at 11⅛c.; also 27,000 lbs. Grease at 8c.@9⅛c. ℘ lb.

WHISKY—Is utterly neglected and wholly unsalable, either in or out of bond. No reliable quotation can be given.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool there were taken 600 bales Cotton at 7-32@¼d. ℘ lb.; 9,000 bushels Barley at 5c. ℘ bushel. For Bremen 100 bbls. Petroleum from Philadelphia at 5s. 9d. ℘ bbl.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS OF the Board of Councilmen will meet on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 5 City Hall, relative to the widening of Robinson-st. All parties interested are invited to attend.

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1866.

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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, "OURS." Characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, John Gilbert, Charles Fisher, Miss Mary Gannon, Madeline Henriques, Fanny Morant, &c.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Edwin Booth in his grand role of HAMLET.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, THE MASTER OF RAVENSWOOD. Leading characters by Mr. George Jordan and Miss Rose Eytynge.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.
Broadway, near 8th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Parisian Fancy Spectacle, CENDRILLON. Characters by Miss Eliza Newton, Mrs. W. Gomersal, Mrs. M. Wilkins, Miss S. Cole, Miss Alicia Mandeville, Miss S. A. Hinckley, Miss Annie Yeamans, Mrs. H. Bland, &c.

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Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¼ o'clock, TRUE TO THE CORE; Or, FLASH OF FIRE, and Les Deux Fugitiffs. Characters by Miss Fanny Herring, G. L. Fox, and full company.

THEATRE FRANCAIS,
14th-st., near 6th-av.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, LE TOREADOR, Opera, CA M'AGACE and L'AMOUR QUE QU 'CEST QU 'CA.

GERMAN THALIA THEATRE,
No. 514 Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, Mr. Bogumil Dawison in his great characters of SIR HARLEIGH and ARTHUR VON NORDEN.

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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, Italian Opera. ZAMPA; or, THE MARBLE BRIDE, with a strong and complete cast: Carmen Poch, Natalie Testa, Mazzoleni, Testa, Bellini, Giorgio Ronconi.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Advices by Atlantic Telegraph report a strong feeling in the Austrian army in favor of MAXIMILIAN as Emperor of Austria.

The French army scheme is unpopular in France.

A number of Prussian naval officers are to be sent to this country to study naval affairs.

It is rumored that Gen. PRIM has again entered Spain.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a resolution was adopted to print the reports of the Commissioner of Public Lands in foreign languages, for distribution at the Paris Exhibition. Mr. HARRIS, from the Judiciary Committee, reported the House bill providing for an additional session of the Fortieth and succeeding Congress on the 4th of March, with an amendment striking out the second section and inserting "that no person who was a member of the previous Congress shall receive any compensation as mileage for going to or returning from the additional session provided for in the bill." Mr. POMEROY introduced a bill to equalize the national currency. The bill to admit Nebraska was then taken up and debated at length, but a vote was not reached.

In the House Mr. UPSON introduced a bill to increase the pensions of Revolutionary pensioners. The bill makes the act apply to all the surviving widows of soldiers of the Revolution at one hundred dollars per annum. Two bills granting lands to Oregon to aid in the construction of military roads were passed. The Committee on Public Lands was instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Homestead Act, so far as to require from the settler an oath that he had not borne arms against the United States. The House then resumed the consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the revenue frauds committed in this City, continued their labors at the Astor House yesterday. A large number of witnesses were examined, and it is reported that the conduct of certain revenue officers, who were appointed to watch the various distilleries where contraband liquor was found, was under the consideration of the Committee. These gentlemen were subjected to a cross-examination, which elicited some very important facts.

OLIVER MILLER, the deaf mute who was injured by the explosion of a barrel of gasoline at the Compton House fire on the 14th inst., died yesterday morning at Bellevue Hospital. This makes the fourth death caused by the disaster. The inquest will be held to-day by Coroner GAMBLE.

Prof JOHN ORDINEAUX, M. D., lectured on "Prophylaxis" before the New-York Academy of Medicine, last evening.

BAYARD TAYLOR, Esq., delivered a lecture on "American Life" in the Twenty-fifth-street Reformed Dutch Church, last evening.

Gold fell to 137@136⅞ ⅌ cent. yesterday on the Liverpool and London telegrams about Cotton and Five-twenties. Exchange easier. The Public Funds steady. The Railways not generally so buoyant as on Tuesday. Toledo suddenly went up to 122 ⅌ cent. Erie, the Northwests and Michigan Southern a fraction lower.

Produce and merchandise were generally in moderate request yesterday, the main exception being Cotton, which, under favorable foreign advices, was freely purchased at firmer rates. Breadstuffs were less buoyant; Provisions depressed; Groceries steady. Freights tamer, with 555 vessels of all classes in port.

The Latest Phase of the Mexican Question—Maximilian in a new Role.

It seems by the Imperial proclamation we published yesterday, that MAXIMILIAN not only did not decamp from Mexico at the beginning of this month, as was represented to us by dispatches from Franco-Mexican sources, but that, at that very time, he was putting the finishing touches to a scheme for perpetuating his rule under new circumstances and auspices, independent altogether of French support, French direction, or outside interference. In brief, he has determined, by the advice of a Council of Ministers, to remain Emperor for the present; but he makes the important announcement that a National Congress shall be convened, consisting of representatives from all political parties in Mexico, "*and this Congress shall decide whether the Empire shall continue in the future.*" If it does so decide, it shall assist in the legislation of the country, and in consolidating the public institutions; if it decide adversely—MAXIMILIAN says naught.

It is the last effort of MAXIMILIAN in behalf of Mexico and his own throne. It is the final and desperate struggle in a case in which everything seems against the bold adventurer. It is an act worthy of the Hapsburg who lately told us that he belonged to a family which never succumbed under adversity. If such public, personal and domestic troubles, such perfidious friends, such powerful enemies, and such a hopeless task, as have fallen to the lot of MAXIMILIAN, do not reduce him to despair, then he certainly is possessed of a strength of imperial manhood which ought to be made available in Mexico or somewhere else, at the work of governing or at some other respectable work.

MAXIMILIAN does not give us the date of assemblage of this forthcoming Congress, to which he refers the existence of his throne, nor are we informed how it is to be constituted, or how the elections for members are to be carried on in the different States of Mexico. We fear that in more than three-fourths of the States—or in those which are controlled by the Liberals—elections to such a body would be absolutely impossible. He says that "all political parties" can participate in the Congress, but we imagine that MAXIMILIAN gives his own meaning to this phrase. He certainly cannot ask such members as may be chosen to take the oath of allegiance to his throne, for this would destroy altogether their freedom of action upon the main question, and it would be absurd to swear them to a form of Government which they assemble with the prescribed power to destroy. But upon all these matters we shall soon see how MAXIMILIAN proposes to operate; and it will depend upon the character of his programme whether it shall be entitled to respect, or whether we shall be compelled to regard it as only another Imperial farce.

The present action of MAXIMILIAN is of peculiar interest to us in relation to the diplomatic policy of our Government and the mission of SHERMAN and CAMPBELL. These functionaries were sent to Mexico on the theory that MAXIMILIAN's government was coming to an immediate end. Their dealings with JUAREZ were to be on this basis. But as MAXIMILIAN's purpose is to retain his position, if possible, and as in any event he will unquestionably be supported by the Church Party in that determination, there is still an obstacle of the most serious character in the way of JUAREZ, and in the way of our Government furnishing him that friendly aid which is represented especially in the person of Gen. SHERMAN. As the head of the Church Party, MAXIMILIAN would be supported by a very powerful body of the Mexican people, controlling large interests, possessing great wealth, and eager for the recovery of the power which they so long maintained in Mexico. With such military chiefs as MIRAMON and MEJIA, with control of the capital and Vera Cruz, it would be beyond the ability of the Liberals to overthrow them without a war of the greatest (Mexican) magnitude. In such a contest, our Government could not take part without the most serious consequences. We suppose, therefore, that as soon as Gen. SHERMAN apprehends the situation as it now exists, and learns definitely the condition of affairs and parties in Mexico, he will return in the *Susquehanna*, and make report to the Government, for the future action of Congress.

The Financial Policy of Congress.

The division in the House of Representatives on Monday, incidental to a resolution offered by Mr. BAKER, of Illinois, indirectly establishes a disposition to sustain the very moderate system of contraction which Mr. McCULLOCH is empowered to pursue. Mr. BAKER's resolution pointed to a check upon the withdrawal of legal-tender currency; but the House, by a decisive vote, refused to entertain the proposition. A similar result has attended efforts to commit Congress to an approval of an issue of National Bank paper beyond the three hundred million limit now in force; the tendency thus far manifested being to provide for the banking requirements of the South, by reducing the circulation of colossal establishments in New-York and New-England.

These indications are both good. They exhibit on one hand a conviction of the paramount importance of proceeding, however cautiously, in the direction of a resumption of specie payments, and on the other a determination to resist the attempts of interested corporations and individuals to make bad worse by increasing the degree of currency inflation. In neither of these cases is what has been done equal to the emergency. The power to contract already vested in the Secretary of the Treasury is much more restricted than it should be, in view of the magnitude of the existing evil, and the necessity of strong measures to avert a grand financial catastrophe. And the mere restriction of the National Bank issues to three hundred millions may not be sufficient to satisfy the large body of thoughtful men who hold that the volume of currency afloat is in excess of the legitimate wants of business. But with inflation everywhere in vogue, perhaps these concessions to the conservative principle are quite as much as can be expected from Congress.

In regard to the withdrawal of legal-tenders and the limitation of national bank paper, the chief point to be aimed at is the assertion of some well-considered principle to which Congress shall steadfastly adhere. The worst evil of the existing state of things is the uncertainty that attaches to the policy of the Government on both these features of the currency question. The degree to which any measure may operate is of less importance than the principle on which it proceeds. Just now, nothing is fixed—nothing certain. The power intrusted to Mr. McCULLOCH may or may not be abrogated; the restriction upon the amount of National Bank notes may or may not be removed. Speculation is ever busy with these contingencies. And in the absence of everything like certainty, the speculators have the advantage as against the public. The possibility of a reversal of the Government policy is equivalent to many chances in favor of speculation, and thus the benefit which should be attendant upon the conservative action of Congress is to a certain extent lost.

Two things are required to be established above all others. In the first place let it be finally settled that the inflation of the currency has reached its maximum; that no increase to the present circulation of the National Banks shall be authorized; that the general good of the community shall not be sacrificed for the benefit of the few who thrive by speculation. In the next place, let there be no room for further doubt as to the resolve of Congress gradually to prepare for a return to specie payments by the periodical withdrawal of a certain amount of legal-tender notes, or otherwise.

The simple knowledge of these facts would contribute more to prevent the fluctuations of value from which business now suffers, and to render certain the approximation to a specie standard, than any sale of gold which the Secretary of the Treasury might be enabled to make; for the question of specie payment would then be only a question of time, and the holders of greenbacks would treasure them accordingly.

As a means of preparing for specie payments, the accumulation of gold in the Treasury would be more effectual than any possible disposal of it in the public market. The ability of the Government to redeem, and the knowledge of preparations to that end, are circumstances of greater importance than any conceiveable effect upon the transactions of a single day, or a single week, so far as the relative value of gold and greenbacks is concerned. The hoarding of gold in the National Treasury would probably prevent a further fall of the premium, if the demand for customs duties, or for export, were likely to continue up to the standard of the last year. But there is a moral certainty that the requirements of the importers will *not* equal those of the flush times that are past, while the sending abroad of our bonds may be expected to lessen the export of gold in a greater ratio than at any former period. At the same time let it be remembered that the decline of the demand for the payment of duties, which will operate against any marked rise of the premium, will be accompanied with a curtailment of the Treasury receipts. From which latter circumstance we think that the Secretary should be able, at his discretion, to preserve a larger reserve of gold than might otherwise be necessary. Our financial future is not so firmly assured that the country can afford to tie too tightly the hands of the Treasury executive. Were he powerless, we should be at the mercy of the gold gamblers.

Recreations of the Season.

The eagerness of our citizens, within the last few days, to seize the first opportunity that offered itself for an hour's skating, shows that this healthful amusement is going to be as much the rage this Winter as it was the last. The recreation seemed to reach a climax last season. The tens of thousands that rushed to the skating places in and near this City on favorable days, entered upon it with a passion and an *esprit* indicative at once of the vitality upon which it rested and the vitality it produced. But we are told that even this City was behind Chicago and other Western places, where the "rinks" were altogether superb, and where the whole population resolved themselves into a perpetual Committee of the Whole on the state of the ice. We do not suppose, after what we saw in this locality last season, and after what we heard about other localities from Portland to Milwaukee, that even in Russia itself, or in Norway or Sweden or Holland, was there ever such an appetite for skating, or such armies of skaters, as these Northern States displayed last year. And, notwithstanding all we are told of picturesque scenes in Northern Europe during the skating season, we do not believe anything was ever witnessed gayer or more picturesque than might have been seen upon certain days and nights of last Winter in the Central Park. According to our national fashion in all other things, we are bound to do our skating in an unparalleled style, now that we have taken to doing it at all. It is a good thing—unreservedly and unexceptionably good—good in itself, in its surroundings, influences and permanent effects—good morally, physically, socially, intellectually, æsthetically and vitally. Let old and young enjoy the skating season. Let not the elders be discouraged—for one of the masters of the ice last season had a beard whitened by seventy Winters. Let not the juveniles be afraid, for a little fairy of five Summers took the palm for graceful and self-possessed skating a year ago. Let not the fair sex be faint-hearted, for does not the "Skatorial Queen," whose breast is blazoned with medals and prizes, belong to the sex that knows how to be brave as well as fair?

AN AMERICAN HIPPOPHAGIST.—We are so fast tending toward an adoption of everything French, and the process seems to please so many people, that it is a question whether the intelligence that a Newark German has been manufacturing corned horse ought not to be received with rapture rather than revulsion. Why not corned horse as well as Jersey frog fritters and other little imported trifles. Another question, however, may be considered more pertinent still. Was that particular horse the first of his tribe whose remains have found a final home in the pickle barrel? What would have been the result if the artist had not removed the iron shoes of the quadruped? Nay, does not the circumstance rather tend to show that, but for the shoes, the meat would have been eaten in convenient joints washed or down the throats of Jersey or other Teutons by foaming tides of congenial lager? For that would be nothing strange, considering that half New-York is already fed upon boiled soft pine or stewed boots and a host of other delicacies.

A NEW EUROPEAN STEAMSHIP LINE.—We observe by reports in the Hamburg journals that a new steamship line is there proposed, under the sonorous name of the "German American Lloyd," with a capital of two and a half millions of dollars. The proposed Company, of which the present Hamburg-American Steamship Company will probably form an important ingredient, will run their steamers from Hamburg direct to the West Indies, Havana, Mexico and Central America. The further project of sending steamers around Cape Horn to compete with the English lines now running on the west coast of South America, between Panama, Callao, Valparaiso and other ports, seems not yet to be fully determined upon. Why cannot we have an American line, connecting, for Southern ports, at Panama with the ships of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company?

A REMARKABLE DECLARATION OF COUNT BISMARCK.—An anonymous pamphlet recently appeared in Germany, under the title, "Schleswig-Holstein and Annexation," which bears evident marks of being prepared under the supervision of Duke FREDERICK of Augustenburg, who claimed to be the legitimate sovereign of the Elbe-Duchies. It has made a marked sensation, and especially on account of the revelations it gives of certain conversations of Duke FREDERICK with the King of Prussia and Count BISMARCK. Without entering into the complicated discussion or quoting at length any of these conversations, we wish merely to call attention to a most remarkable declaration that Count BISMARCK is said to have made to Duke FREDERICK, in a conversation between the two at Berlin, on the 1st day of June, 1864. The Prussian Minister is reported to have expressed his dissatisfaction with the course of the Duke in the Duchies, for the reason that the "Duke had surrounded himself with persons of liberal tendencies; that Prussia cannot permit a Parliamentary Government in the Duchies, as that would be dangerous to conservative Prussia." No denial of the truth of this revelation has as yet appeared in the official or semi-official papers of Berlin. We consider it, therefore, correct. But, then, what has the liberalizing spirit of the age to expect from a man who thus unbosomed himself as late as June, 1864? Or has he by this time completely veered round, is now discarding conservatism and adopting Parliamentary Government himself? Or is he playing fast and loose, just as the stakes and course of the game may promise most advantage?

THE IDAHO INVESTIGATION AND ITS CLOSE.—Contrary to general expectation, the inquiry into the burning of the *Idaho* ferry-boat, and which was to extend to the general management of the ferries, has stopped at the former point. Why this was we are not prepared to say. That the more extended inquiry was needed there can be not a shadow of doubt. So far as we understand the powers of the Board of Health, that body is especially charged not only with the care of the City's health, but of the safety under any circumstances of its inhabitants. Were the facts doubtful, there could be something said in favor of the ferries; but they are not. And even if the introduction of Senator MORGAN's bill in Congress promises relief from the dangers complained of, the chances of its passage would be strengthened by the publication of evidence covering the whole subject. It is not too late even now to procure this evidence, and thousands of our citizens would rejoice to see the effort made.

TRIUMPH OF AMERICAN SKILL IN EUROPE.—We have already referred to the fact that a commission was engaged in Switzerland for some time to test the several breech-loading rifles or muskets offered for sale by numerous inventors. Among these was the Henry-Winchester gun, the patent for which is owned, we believe, by a Company at New-Haven, Conn. The commission, it seems, reported in its favor, and at a late session of the Confederate Council of Switzerland, held at the seat of Government in the City of Berne, it was resolved to purchase one hundred thousand of these breech-loaders, with the proviso, however, that they should be manufactured in Switzerland. To this proviso Mr. CHAPIN, the representative of the New-Haven Company, being on the spot, is said to have assented.

THE FENIAN TRIALS.

Mr. Devlin's Challenge Dismissed—A Jury Impanelled—Examination of Witnesses.

SWEETSBURGH, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Court opened at 10 o'clock. THOMAS MADDEN was again placed at the bar.

Judge JOHNSON proceeded to render judgment on the challenge made yesterday to the array of the petit Jury. He reviewed the reasons assigned for the challenge, and at once set six of them aside as making allegations not sufficiently specific to be tried, and which did not state that the alleged missions had resulted in summoning unqualified jurors. The third, seventh and eighth made specific allegations, which were highly important, if true, viz.: That the list was not authenticated by the certificate and signature of the Sheriff; that the list had not been produced before the Clerk of the Crown; that the drawing of the names was illegal; that the Clerk of the Crown did not, by an act under his hand, declare the same, and that the Sheriff has not returned such act before this Court. If the law had not been complied with in these particulars, this challenge must be declared good, at whatever public inconvenience, but he found by examining the list and books that these allegations were untrue in point of fact. He must, therefore, dismiss the challenge.

The Court proceeded to impannel a Jury for the trial of MADDEN. The first juryman called, E. F. ELLISON, was challenged by Mr. DEVLIN on behalf of the prisoner, on the ground that he was partial, and had formed an opinion on the subject matter of the trial. Having been sworn, ELLISON was examined, and stated that he had formed an opinion as to the trial, namely, that there would not be evidence enough to convict the prisoner.

Mr. DEVLIN—Then, I think it is only desirable you should be on the Jury, and I withdraw the challenge.

J. D. ENGLAND being challenged, said he was somewhat prejudiced against the prisoner, and was excluded.

WALTER LYNCH being called, was told by the Crown prosecutor to stand aside.

Mr. DEVLIN—The only Catholic on the panel is told by the Crown to stand aside.

Those who were called were challenged peremptorily by the prisoner. Several others were challenged for the Crown, but on stating that they had formed no opinion, the challenges were withdrawn.

A Jury was finally impanelled about noon.

Mr. RAMSAY opened the case for the Crown. He explained the provisions of the statute under which the prisoner was to be tried, and the nature of the offence with which he was charged. He also briefly stated the character of the evidence by which he was first to prove that a body of people called Fenians, entered Lower Canada in June last; second, that their intent was to levy war on Her Majesty; and third, that the prisoner feloniously joined himself to them. He said he would only adduce evidence, so far as it directly affected the prisoner, of what took place on the 9th of June, after the passage of the statute under which the indictment was laid.

Several witnesses were called by the prosecution and examined, the object being to establish the levying of war by the Fenians. Their testimony had no direct reference to the prisoner MADDEN. There are seven or eight other witnesses to be examined for the prosecution.

The Fenian Prisoners.

TORONTO, C. W., Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Mr. THURSTON, the American Consul, and reporter of the *Daily Telegraph*, visited the Fenian prisoners to-day. Col. LYNCH and Father McMAHON were looking well. The former showed a letter which he received from ROBERTS, and characterized it as a heartless epistle. He said he had not received a farthing from the Brotherhood since he was imprisoned, but was much indebted to the Sisters of Charity. He said that on the same day that Lord MONCK left for England he (LYNCH) received a petition from Milwaukee, signed by the Judges of that city, addressed to the Governor-General, praying for a commutation of sentence. He requested Mr. THURSTON to call the attention of the American Government to the sufferings which the prisoners still untried, numbering thirty-three, have endured this Winter from insufficient clothing. Mr. THURSTON promised to do so, and to send to them all a good Christmas dinner.

No Further Contributions Needed for the Quebec Sufferers—Sudden Deaths.

QUEBEC, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The thermometer is 16 degrees above zero. The wind is west, and it is snowing.

The *Daily News* says that the funds received are sufficient to relieve all the distress caused by the late disastrous fire.

The Mayor and a majority of the Relief Committee consider that the rebuilding of the burned district is the main object of the relief fund.

The *Chronicle* contradicts the rumors that members of the Relief Committee have been speculating in the blankets and clothing provided for the sufferers.

A man named WALSH dropped dead in the street to-day. The cause of his death was disease of the heart.

Another man, whose name is unknown, dropped dead in a house on Valliere-street.

A soldier of the garrison was flogged for misconduct. He received fifty lashes.

CONNECTICUT.

Call for a Democratic State Convention.

HARTFORD, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Democratic State Committee of Connecticut have called a State Convention, of ten delegates from each town, to meet at New-Haven, Jan. 8, to consider the revolutionary acts of the present Radical Congress, and the propriety of recommending a National Convention with reference to the same subject.

Burned to Death.

HARTFORD, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A shocking accident, from carelessness in the handling of kerosene, occurred here this evening, which resulted in the burning to death of ALICE GILMORE, eight years old, daughter of Mr. GEORGE GILMORE, residing at No. 62 Retreat-avenue.

Car-House of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Destroyed.

NEW-HAVEN, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A fire broke out in the car-house of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company this evening about 11 o'clock. The car-house, boiler-room and wood shed were totally consumed, and two engines destroyed.

The round-house and repair-shop adjoining, containing fifteen or sixteen engines, were saved through the efforts of the firemen.

Loss about $30,000, and fully insured.

MISSOURI.

No Trouble in Jackson County—The Troops Transferred to Lafayette County—The Merchants Accused of Arson.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Dispatches from Jefferson City say that deputations of leading citizens of Jackson County have been in consultation with the Governor, and have succeeded in convincing him that the military force is not needed in that county, and that the Governor has consequently ordered the troops destined for Jackson County to Lafayette County, where bushwhackers are still rampant.

The Scott-Cutler arson case at Kansas City was continued to-day, the evidence being terribly strong against the accused.

LOUISIANA.

The Test Oath in the United States District Court.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A motion being made in the United States District Court, Judge DUVAL presiding, to set aside the test oath, on the ground that such was the practice in the Supreme Court, which statement was supported by evidence, the Judge replied that he had information that the practice in the Supreme Court was to administer the usual oath in open Court as before, and then to pass the applicants into the Clerk's office, where they were required to take the test oath. When the decision of the Supreme Court is rendered, the Judge of this Court will not raise his hand against their decree. The Court desired not to further pressed on this subject.

TEXAS.

Change of Bureau Superintendent—Arrest of a Bureau Agent.

Gen. KIDDO arrived to-day and takes charge of the Freedmen's Bureau, relieving Major LATHROP.

Capt. CRAIG, of the Veteran Reserves, and Bureau Agent, has been arrested and committed to jail by Judge IRELAND and the civil authorities of Guadaloupe County, for destroying the bonds given for the appearance of his predecessor before the Civil Court. CRAIG acted under the orders of HEINTZELMAN. GRIFFIN has ordered his release.

CHICAGO.

The Case of Mollie Trussel—Ristori.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

MOLLIE TRUSSEL appeared in court this morning, and, through her counsel, withdrew her motion for a new trial. She was sentenced in accordance with the verdict, to one year in the Penitentiary at Joliet.

Mr. GRAU announces that Mme. RISTORI will visit Chicago for one week, appearing Jan. 21.

FIRES.

Burning of a Flour Mill and Several Warehouses in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The extensive flour mill of ROWLAND & ERVIEN, at the corner of Broad and Vine streets, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire also destroyed the following large warehouses in North Broad-street: No. 227, occupied by ALLEN & DAVIS, masters, loss $35,000; insured in New-York and New-England companies. JAMES RALSTON, carpet-weaver, loss $6,000; partly insured. Mr. RALSTON is missing, and is believed to have perished in the flames, as he slept in his store. No. 229, GEORGE L. DEROALL, flour and produce, loss $25,000. No. 226, occupied by S. W. HEAL, whisky distiller, loss $20,000; insured for $6,000 in New-York and New-Haven Companies. BUSHON & HAYS, slightly damaged by water.

Burning of Government Buildings and Stores.

JUNCTION CITY, Kansas, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The old commissary buildings at this post were entirely consumed by fire last night, together with 75,000 pounds of bacon and a large amount of good clothing. The books and papers of the Quartermaster and Commissary were mostly saved.

Towboat Burned at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The steamer *Petrel No. 2*, in use as a towboat, accidentally took fire at an early hour this morning, entirely destroying her upper works. She was valued at $22,000, and insured in this city for $16,000. The damage is not yet known.

Brewery in St. Louis Burned.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Pittsburgh Brewery, on Carondalet-avenue, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss $30,000; insured $20,000.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Cars Thrown into the River—A Car on Fire—Passengers Burned.

OIL CITY, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The express train, bound from Trenton to this place, met with an accident this morning by several of the cars being thrown into the river. One of the cars, it is reported, afterward took fire, whereby several of the inmates were considerably burned.

Steamboat Disaster.

LOUISVILLE, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The steamboat *Arganaut No 2*, from St. Louis, heavily loaded, this morning, about 10 o'clock, ran into the Slate Bank, just below the falls, and sank to her boiler deck. She is owned and insured in Pittsburgh.

The Chicago Delegation.

TORONTO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The Chicago delegation on the Huron and Ontaria Ship Canal, consisting of Lieut.-Gov. BROSS, of Illinois, Capt. PARKER, Lieut. P. HILLIARD and J. H. LAFLEW, arrived here last night. A telegram has been received from Oswego that Hon. D. G. FORT and Hon. CHENEY AMES left that city last evening to meet the Chicago delegates here to-day. A complimentary dinner will be given to them this evening at the Queen's Hotel, and a public meeting will be held to-morrow night in reference to the proposed canal, at which Lieut.-Gov. BROSS is to deliver an address on the subject of the canal and the resources of the great West.

Convention of Marine Underwriters.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A Convention of the Marine Underwriters is being held here. It is attended by about one hundred delegates. The session is secret, but it is stated outside that the Convention will determine to strive for a more perfect organization of the different Companies than had hitherto been effected, in order that a uniform schedule of rates should be determined on and adhered to. The Convention had a banquet at the Sherman House last night.

TENNESSEE.

Terrible Calamity in Memphis—Fourteen Lives Lost.

MEMPHIS, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A terrible calamity occurred here this morning. The confectionery establishment of JOSEPH SPECHT, No. 36 Madison-st., took fire between 3 and 4 o'clock. About twenty-five persons were asleep in the third and fourth story of the building. The fire, which originated in the cellar from some unknown cause, filled the upper stories with smoke and the fumes of burning coal, while the flames in part cut off egress by the stairs. Fourteen persons were suffocated in their rooms or lost their lives in attempting to escape by leaping from the windows. The killed were as follows:

WM. JEHLE and wife, (the latter a daughter of Mr. SPECHT,) both suffocated; WM. C. HONER, killed by leaping from a window; FRANK BUDELHUBER, a German pastry cook; LUCINDA RINGWOLD, colored, and two children; a German cook, named PHILLIP; DOLLY FLINT, colored; JOHN GORMAN, confectioner; FRED. A. FRENCH, cook; one white and one colored man, both waiters, and a colored woman, names not known. An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. JEHLE was found alive in the [illegible], the only one saved of those remaining in the building.

Mr. SPECHT saved himself by tying curtains together and climbing down the balustrade on the second story. JOSEPH BARTHOL jumped from the fourth story into a mud hole in the alley, and saved his life. Mr. WALTER and clerk leaped from the fourth story and caught on a window-shutter of the third story, where he held himself until rescued by the firemen. Several others were saved by ladders from the fourth-story windows. The fire was extinguished before the building was entirely destroyed. The front walls remain standing.

Accidental Shooting Affair—Fatal Burning Accident.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A man named WM. BUCKLEY, was accidentally shot and killed this afternoon, by a pistol in the hands of THOMAS CAREY.

A woman, 70 years of age, named OYEBACKEEL, was burned to death at a house in the town of Lagrange, yesterday.

Provincial Notes in Circulation.

TORONTO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The official statement of the amount of provincial notes in circulation gives the total amount on Dec. 5 at three millions four hundred odd thousand dollars.

Exports of Cotton.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Seven thousand bales of Cotton have been taken for export to France since Saturday.

The market to-day, under the influence of the favorable news from Liverpool, is very strong, with a good general demand.

Sailing of the Asia.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The steamship *Asia* sailed this forenoon, taking twenty-two passengers for Liverpool, and thirty-one for Halifax. She also takes out $50,000 in specie.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Third Resume of the Announcements in the Columns of the Times.

Yesterday was a "love of a day" for shopping, and the streets, whose pavements were quite dry and passable, were crowded with eager-eyed purchasers, whose pockets were full of greenbacks or their hands of presents. The varied tastes of the buyers were well met by the provision of the sellers. Every one bent on this pleasantest of errands, set out with the intention of securing some one particular thing, beyond which the broad field of supply stretched out with a perfect forest of suggestive purchase. Jewelry, dry goods, fancy wares, home productions, foreign importations, the ponderous, the frail, the solid, the perishable, the useful and the merely ornamental pass in kaleidoscopic vision before the bewildered eye, and left the beholder in a maze of uncertainty and bewilderment. It is hardly necessary to call attention to the crowded condition of our advertising columns, filled with tempting announcements and generous propositions concerning magnificent bargains and liberal discounts; they speak for themselves, and in noticing such of them as have hitherto been unnoticed, we remind our readers that the announcements *per se* are much more comprehensive and seductive in terms than the most favorable or friendly reminder of ours can possibly be. The

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

of the day are varied and numerous, as follows:

C. A. STEVENS.—Fourteenth-street is rapidly becoming filled with stores, public buildings and hotels, its finest private residences yielding to the inducements held out by Crœsus and the blandishments of trade. Mr. STEVENS has secured an eligible location, where he displays a very choice and tempting stock of watches, jewelry and fancy goods in general.

SWIETENIA.—LEVITT's Aromatic Lotion looms up in all the journals of the day, indorsed in rhyme and prose by doctors, clergymen and ordinary folk as a very good thing to have in the house.

PHALON & SON.—This enterprising house has many attractive indications in our columns of prosperity, and thoughtfulness for the public weal. Their famous Night-Blooming Cereus competes with a general assortment of wiggery, and an extensive stock of fancy articles for the favor of the public.

CASWELL, MACK & CO.—Toilet sets, wax flowers, jewel cases, bottles, phantom bouquets and a general selection of "sundries" form the stock of this firm.

BANTA.—Holiday gifts of various nature are prepared by BANTA for the accommodation of such of his fellow-citizens who desire furs for ladies and children, hats for boys and girls, skating-caps for both sexes, and gloves for ditto.

V. W. WICKES.—The sewing-machine depot of this gentleman has all sorts and kinds and patents in this domestic necessity. He is prepared to furnish any and all at moderate rate.

GOODYEAR CO.—The extent to which India-rubber fabrics enter into the ordinary channels of life, is but little understood by the general public. The doubting can be convinced by a glance at the stock of the Goodyear Rubber Company, which contains a large list of necessary and fancy articles for holidays or any other days.

FREEMAN & RYER.—This is one of the houses that make the sale of fancy goods a specialty. They offer to-day dressing-cases, fans, clocks, Parian statuettes, opera-glasses, musical instruments and all manner of jet and vulcanite goods.

MILLER & CO.—In these days of public amusement every one needs a good opera-glass. These are advertised by MILLER, who also announces his display of dressing-cases, thermometers, writing-desks, fans, portmonnaies and jewel-cases.

HADLEY.—Decorated ware, plain ware, China and Parisian ware for dinner, tea or breakfast sets, are all popular, desirable and pleasant to own. In large quantities and excellent qualities HADLEY states he has them for sale.

HIGGINS.—Millinery and HIGGINS are synonymous terms. The former is sold by the latter, and the latter is made by the former. All sorts and peculiarities of style, fashion, taste, material and price are kept on hand, on exhibition and on sale by HIGGINS. The firm has invented and recently put in market some very popular styles of bonnets, and enjoys a high reputation in the fashionable world.

WESTS, BRADLEY & CO.—It is perhaps unnecessary to remind the ladies, but for the benefit of fathers and husbands we will not forget that the ponderous, balloonific hoop-skirt is moribund—among the things of other days. It is superseded, we learn, by a new arrangement called the "invisible train," or some such thing, which this house, a pioneer in the skirt business, is prepared to exhibit.

EDW'D RIDLEY.—Millinery goods of every description are offered for inspection and sale by this concern.

L. BINNS.—Mantillas, velvets, hats for ladies and hats for children, visiting, evening and reception bonnets, and all that sort of thing may be found at the store of BINNS.

CHANCES.—If any one may believe the seductive terms of the announcements, chances are as good as an investment as one could wish. One dollar may procure $10,000, five dollars $500,000—three or thereabouts. The Crosby [illegible] announce the appointment of their Eastern Committee who are to confer with the Chicago Committee, and the final disposition of the enormous property is set down for the 21st of January next. On Saturday night the grand "Presentation Festival" will be held at Cooper Institute, at which time the drawings will be made and a fine musical programme performed.

TRAPHAGEN, HUNTER & CO.—Business coats, pants, vests and over-coats are thrust into the market by these gentlemen in the most reckless manner, with a tremendous reduction in the Fall and Winter prices.

ROBBINS & APPLETON.—The Waltham watches are becoming well known among the trade and in the general marts. They are sold by this house.

DOWNING BROTHERS.—Oysters in every style, confectionery, game, terrapin, turkeys, boned or otherwise, are announced by the old Downing family, who from father to son are as well known in this City as the Custom-house, Trinity Church or the TIMES office. Their services during the Holidays, at weddings, collations and parties are of the best—so are their oysters and their *patés*.

M. MORGENTHAU & CO.—New-York boasts of its Bremer Rathskeller, where this house sells wines, liquors, brandies and so on of its own importation. With many people these are trifles light as air, with others they are of prime import; to such this house appeals.

GLAMORGAN CO.—Savonine is the name it bears; soapy is its nature; it is made and offered for sale by the Glamorgan Co., who justly complain of their base imitators.

MEEKS.—A house without furniture is a barren place indeed. To supply the necessities of people who have houses Mr. MEEKS volunteers, and he can do it.

ROGERS.—The works of this gentleman are among the most attractive of the art presents for Christmas. He announces a new group of the "Charity Patient," which has all the patriotic *ensemble* so popular in his other productions. It and all the others may be had of SCHAUS, as may a humorous little Puschel, in which two jolly kittens are detected in the indulgence of a frolicsome love-making, the air and archness of which are irresistibly comic.

B. L. SOLOMON & SONS.—Piano covers, table covers, curtains of lace, and all other suitable material, are to be had of this old and reliable house.

The foregoing, with the announcements of the two previous articles, embrace the holiday preparations of the TIMES' advertisers—preparations exhaustive in detail, tremendous in proportions; but none too great for the wonderful demand now made and to be made by the purchasers of the day.

IVES' PATENT LAMPS.—The exorbitant price charged for illuminating gas has induced many persons to have recourse to kerosene. The principal objection, however, to the use of the oil is the constant attention required by the lamps in which it is consumed. Ives' patent lamps appear to obviate all objections. They are so constructed that they can be trimmed, lighted and filled, without the chimney being removed. Fitted with the improved enamel reflector shades, they give a brilliant yet mellow light, which is steadier and in all respects superior to gas. These lamps are highly spoken of by those who have had them in use for some time, and in several public offices, including the General Post-office at Washington, they have been substituted for gas. The latter office is said to be better lighted with these lamps for $26 per month than it was formerly with coal-gas, which cost from $250 to $300 per month.

AMUSEMENTS.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—The new play of "Ours," by T. W. ROBERTSON and ARTEMAS WARD, was produced here last evening with complete success. After the first act the curtain had to be raised, in order that the company might bow its acknowledgments to the public. After the second act it was raised three times, and after the third, with which the piece concludes, it was raised twice, ending in a call for Mr. LESTER WALLACK, who came forward and said what was proper—namely, that the comedy would be repeated until further notice. We lack time to do more than state the reception which was accorded to the work. Briefly, we may add that it is one of the most agreeable productions of the season. The dialogue is admirable, the story simple, and the scenery perfect. On these and other points we shall take an early opportunity to dwell. For the moment it must suffice to say that "Ours" was the most perfect success we have ever witnessed at Wallack's Theatre.

SCOTCH SONGS.—Mr. KENNEDY, the celebrated and excellent Scotch balladist, will give his last entertainment at Steinway Hall to-night. He illustrates the minstrelsy of Scotland with grace and effect, and has already become a favorite with the public. To-night is his last appearance prior to a tour of the country.

FINE ARTS.—A catalogue of admirably-framed engravings will be sold at auction to-night and to-morrow night, by Messrs. BANGS, MERWIN & CO., at their rooms, Nos. 694 and 696 Broadway. The works are the recent importations of the "British Fine Art Company," and represent in proof and print impressions the pictures of LANDSEER, LUCAS, HERRING, ANSDELL, TURNER, STONE, MARTIN and other eminent artists. They are admirably adapted for Holiday presents, serving not merely as a *souvenir*, but as an article of utility and ornament. In the collection, are many works of first-class excellence—proofs that are seldom found in America. The opportunity is timely, and will, we trust, be seized by our readers. It is hardly probable that a similar collection will be offered again.

BOOTH IN BROOKLYN.—Mr. STUART announces Mr. BOOTH in two of his most popular characters at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn to-morrow night. The full strength of Winter Garden with Mme. METHUA-SCHELLER at its head will support Mr. BOOTH in his admirable personations.

ZAMPA TO-NIGHT.—"Zampa" with its great cast will be given to-night in Brooklyn. This is the last night of the season and a full house should be the popular verdict of well done, good and faithful MAX. "Crispino" attracted a fair house on Tuesday night. Miss KELLOGG was charming in the *rôle* of *Annetta*, and RONCONI improved his opportunities by trifling with the audience and showing how very funny he could be on provocation. Brooklyn is not quite as large as New-York, but its people are quite as intelligent and would be glad if our popular artists would bear the little fact in mind.

NEW-YORK LODGE.—The following officers were elected and appointed in New-York Lodge, No. 330, F. and A. M., at the annual meeting on Tuesday:

Elected—James R. Elsey, M.; Edgar Odell, S. W.; John B. Jackson, J. W.; Lemuel Valentine, Treasurer; Augustus Desmond, Secretary; William Paddon, S. D.

Appointed—Samuel Lawrence, J. D.; G. H. Jackson, H. A. Mead, Conductors; John Griffin, Charles Goldstein, Stewards; W. H. Nash, Marshal; R. R. Sinclair, Organist; J. Sweeny, Chaplain; J. R. Ferrer, Tyler.

SOLDIERS' PRESENTATION FESTIVAL.—Our readers will find in another column the very attractive programme for the Festival, prepared by THEODORE THOMAS, Esq., (Musical Director,) to take place Saturday next. The object is a good one and well deserves patronage.

Markets by Telegraph.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Money unchanged. The demand for loans is large, and but little maturing papers being paid, the general request being for renewal. FLOUR quiet. Prices favor buyers; sales of Spring Extras at $9 50@$12. WHEAT 2c.@3c. lower; sales of No. 1 Spring at $2 06@$2 12½, and No. 2 at $1 85@$1 87. CORN dull—1c.@1½c. lower; light sales of No. 1 at 79c. and No. 2 at 77c. OATS steady; sales of No. 2 at 43½c. RYE quiet and unchanged; sales of No. 1 at 89c. BARLEY more active and firm; sales of No. 2 at 63c.@65c. MESS PORK quiet, unsettled—declined 50c.; sales at $17 50, cash, and $17 75 sellers January. LARD nominal; sales at 11½c. DRESSED HOGS in fair demand, from 12½c.@25c. lower, closing quiet at $6 50@$6 75 for choice shipping lots, and $6 37½@$6 62½ for ordinary lots. BEEF CATTLE—Receipts, 1,309; sales 412, ranging from $4 50@$6 30. LIVE HOGS—Receipts since Sunday, 20,000, having a depressing effect and decline of 35c.@50c.; sales at $5 37½@$6.

OSWEGO, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

FLOUR active, chiefly for the interior Eastern and Southern trade; the market has advanced 25c.@50c. ⅌ bbl.; sales 1,000 bbls. at $11 50@$11 75 for city brands; No. 1 Spring $13 50@$13 75; Red Winter $15; White $15 50@$15 70. RYE FLOUR dull at [illegible] WHEAT—Market better, with fair milling demand; sales 5,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago Spring at [illegible]; 720 bushels Milwaukee Club $2 35; 360 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee Club $2 55; 720 bushels choice Canada Spring $2 47½; 1,600 bushels choice Canada Amber Spring $2 50. CORN quiet at $1 12 for No. 1 in car lots. OATS quiet at 65c. for choice Western. BARLEY, RYE and PEASE nominal. SHORTS, $18@$21. SHIP STUFFS, $23@$27. MIDDLINGS, $32@$35 per ton, delivered to cars. RAILROAD FREIGHTS—Flour to Boston $1; to Albany 80c.; to New-York 90c.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

COTTON demand active and advanced 1c.; sales 2,400 bales; Low Middling, 31c.@32c.; Middlings, 33c. Receipts, 8,082 bales. SUGAR dull and drooping; fair, 9¾c.; prime to choice, 10⅛c.@11⅛c. MOLASSES in demand; fair, 60c.; prime to choice, 62½c.@68c. Sterling Exchange, 149; New-York Sight Exchange, ⅛c. discount; Gold, 136⅝@137. Freights—Tonnage scarce; offerings plenty; rates looking up. Cotton by steam to New-York, 1⅛c.; sail to Liverpool ⅝d.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Wednesday, Dec. 19.

COTTON steady; 32½c. for Middling. SPIRITS TURPENTINE quiet at 65c. ROSIN firmer, at $3@$8. CRUDE TURPENTINE $4 10 for Virgin and Yellow Dip. TAR firmer; $1 85 ⅌ bbl. PORK firm at $23 50 for City Mess.

Fur Fashions.

For centuries past the prominent capitals of Europe have been the grand marts for the most valuable products of nature and art. Of late years, however, our own City has become a most formidable rival, and in our midst a set of diamonds at $30,000; cashmere shawls at $3,000, and a suit of Furs at $2,400 are not without purchasers. In fact, some of our mercantile palaces are marvelous in their elegance and extent of premises, as well as in the quantity and quality of the wares they contain and sales per annum, to from $500,000 to $1,000,000 are not unusual. In the fur trade, for example, as represented by the long-established and reputable house of GUNTHER & SONS, who, during the last year, in order to accommodate their constantly increasing business, removed to the fine building Nos. 502 and 504 Broadway, can be found all to verify our assertions.

As the manufacture and sale of furs is an important branch of the industrial arts, and as the season for their use is at its zenith at the present time, a few remarks in regard to the business doing, and the prevailing styles, will probably not be considered out of place. While the wholesale trade has been languid during the Fall, undoubtedly owing to the near approach of the holidays—furs having ever been esteemed as attractive and appropriate festive gifts—the retail demand is decidedly brisk, the latest novelties in material, as well as fabrication, being mostly sought for. The prices, except for the most elegant and costly varieties, which are lower, are about the same as those which ruled last year.

The fur collar known as the "Eugenie," which is square in front with tops, and a moderate sized muff finished with silk, and cord and tassels of green or white or blue, are the leading style of their class. They are made of ermine, sable, mink, chinchilla and Siberian squirrel. The boa is worn considerably; but most as the neck-tie boa, a jaunty and elegant article of costume, which delicately encircles the neck once, and is fastened with an imitation animal's head. Ermines are much used for the opera, balls, and evening wear in general, while mink and sable hold their sway for adults, and Siberian squirrel for children's wear. A really elegant and unique variety is the long and many-haired augora, in black and with showy linings and trimmings. Muffs and collars of grebe-skin are also occasionally worn; while the Astrakhan holds about the same position it occupied last Winter. However, there is really a new fur, or rather lamb-skin, the "Persianer," which is better than the Astrakhan. It is obtained from the sheep of Persia, and is finer, more glossy and more expensive, but far more preferable. Pelerines are made up in these skins for persons who desire something larger and warmer than the fashionable collars; they are also made in every other variety of fur, as are cloaks, which are now little called for. The black Persianer is worn by those in deep mourning.

One of the leading features of the season is the new style of fur jacket, or saque, a comfortable article, made throughout of fur; that mostly used for the purpose being the Astrakhan in black, the Persianer in gray, and the fur seal in brown, the latter being extremely rich and beautiful. They are made loose, with pockets in the front, and are much in vogue for promenade and for skating. They are considered as among the least cumbersome as well as warm garments yet produced. They are also made of sable, ermine, mink, and other furs, but the mode is as above stated. With this jacket and a cap of beaver, sealskin, or either of the above furs, made turban shape, and fur gloves, the skating costume is completed, piquant in appearance and comfortable beyond example.

Carriage robes, made of bear, wolf and white skins, are now lined with heavy felt, which renders them impervious to water, while foot muffs and like conveniences remain the same as formerly.

Furs for men's wear are again coming much in vogue; and for riding as well as promenade, caps, collars and gloves are in more than ordinary demand. However, as our limited space will not allow details under this head, our readers desiring full information can call at GUNTHER'S, who are the leading fur house on this continent, where they can examine everything that is novel, useful and valuable in the line.—*Express.*

THE MOST CONVINCING TESTIMONY.—N. D. Stoops deposed before the Commissioner of Patents: I have visited all the principal sewing-machine manufactories, and have had the best facilities for finding out not only what was best, but why it was best. The Wheeler & Wilson is the simplest in parts, the most direct, quiet and rapid in action of any two-thread machine. Other machines cannot keep up with it. I now sell all kinds, and sell ten of these to one of any other. Others come back for exchange with many murmurs and complaints; these never. Once sold, they are gone, and as an article of merchandise they are always salable.—*Sun.*

TO THE BENEVOLENT EVERYWHERE.—Among all classes and grades of society, especially in all large cities, where the poorer classes predominate, there is always plenty work to do for those who wish to do good, in relieving those who cannot keep themselves, and assisting those who can. In order to facilitate good work and assist all benevolently inclined, Mr. J. T. Ellis proposes to receive orders at the Masonic Fair, corner Grand and Crosby, or No. 939 Broadway, for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing-Machine, from clergymen, Masters of Lodges, and representatives of Benevolent Institutions, in sufficient numbers to supply those of the congregation, members of the Fraternity, and all who find it inconvenient or impossible to advance the whole amount upon delivery, supplying them at manufacturers' prices, and receiving partial payments, according to the convenience or necessities of individual cases. Under this arrangement, those so disposed may, with but little outlay, supply worthy indigent persons with a machine that will assist them in becoming self-supporting.—*Evening Post.*

A MARVEL OF SIMPLICITY AND PERFECTION—FIVE YEARS WITHOUT BREAKING A NEEDLE.—Mrs. H. R. Decker, of Jersey City, writes: "I have used one of your Elliptic Sewing Machines constantly over five years, on every kind of work, *without even breaking a needle or paying a dollar for repairs*, and I consider it a marvel of simplicity and perfection."—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Only Three Days More.

Secure your tickets in the Grand Presentation Festival, positively to take place at Cooper Institute, next Saturday evening. Ticket office No. 616 Broadway, New-York. It being now apparent that the object for which this enterprise was undertaken will be accomplished, the sale of tickets will be positively closed on Saturday evening, the 22d inst. *No tickets* will be sold after that date.

We desire to express our thanks to the public and the Press for the liberal patronage and encouragement given to this enterprise.

THOMAS & CO.,
Managing Directors.

See advertisement in another column.—*Advertisement.*

How to be Happy.

If your lady friend has not already a GROVER & BAKER Sewing-Machine, you are a happy man, for you will have it in your power to present her with something that she will afterward declare she would not do without for ten times its cost.—*Advertisement.*

Do you want a Wheeler & Wilson's Sewing Machine for yourself or friend? See ELLIS, at Masonic Fair.—*Advertisement.*

The Electro-Carbonized Pens of C. BARNARD are the finest pens for posting ever made; will outlast six ordinary steel; perfectly anti-corrosive.—[*Advertisement.*

The Gorham Manufacturing Company Silversmiths, of Providence, R. I., inform the trade that they are producing fine Electro-plated Goods, comprising full Dinner and Tea Services and Table Ware of every description of a very superior quality, and of new and elegant designs. The base is Nickel Silver, upon which is a deposit of pure silver of such thickness that they possess all the advantages of solid silver in utility, and from beauty of design and superior finish undistinguishable from it.

The Gorham Manufacturing Company refer with confidence to the high reputation they have established in the production of Solid Silver Ware, in which they have been for many years engaged, and they now assure the public that they will fully sustain that reputation by the production of Electro-plated Wares of such quality and extreme durability as will insure entire satisfaction to the purchaser. All articles made by them are stamped thus:

GORHAM MFG CO

And all such are fully guaranteed. They feel it necessary particularly to call the attention of purchasers to the above trade-mark, as their designs have been already extensively imitated. These goods can only be procured from responsible dealers throughout the country.

A Fine Variety of Parian Marble figures, very fitting for holiday presents, just received by CASWELL, MACK & CO., under Fifth-av. Hotel.

Elegant Articles for the Toilet—Just received by CASWELL, MACK & CO., under Fifth-av. Hotel.

A Sure Pile Cure.

Dr. GILBERT'S PILE INSTRUMENT positively cures the worst cases of piles. Sent by mail on receipt of $4. Circulars free. Sold by druggists. Agents wanted everywhere. Address J. B. ROMAINE, Manager, No. 575 Broadway, New-York.

Mott's Chemical Pomade Restores Gray hair, and is decidedly the best hairdressing used. Sold by RUSHTON, No. 10 Astor House, and by all druggists.

A Noted Clergyman and Public Lecturer says of BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES: "In all my lecturing tours I put Troches into my carpet-bag as regularly as I do lectures or linen." Public speakers, vocalists, and all others who exercise the voice, should never fail of using the Troches. They surpass all other preparations in clearing and strengthening the voice, removing hoarseness, allaying irritation of the throat, and as a cough remedy are preëminently the best.

"Burnett's reputation is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of his preparations."—BURNETT'S STANDARD FLAVORING EXTRACTS and COCOAINE FOR THE HAIR, &c.—*Boston Journal.*

Why is Phalon's Night-Blooming Cereus like the Star Spangled Banner? Because it is an American standard article, with which nothing that floats upon the air can compete.

Holiday Gifts! Family Silver!!

LUCIUS HART & CO.,
the oldest plated-ware house in the City.
Nos. 4, 6 and 8 Burling-slip.
(foot of John-st.)
SILVER-PLATED WARE,
at moderate prices.

Beautiful Toilet Sets, Wax Flowers, exquisite Jewel Cases, Cologne Bottles, Phantom Bouquets, &c., for sale by CASWELL, MACK & CO., under Fifth-avenue Hotel.

T. B. Bynner, Watches and Jewelry, No. 189 Broadway, (up stairs.)

Batchelor's Hair Dye. The best in the world, the only reliable and perfect dye known. Instantaneous and harmless. The genuine is signed WILLIAM A. BATCHELOR. Sold by all druggists and perfumers. Factory No. 81 Barclay-st.

We, the Undersigned, beg leave to call the attention of our customers and the public generally, that in addition to our stock of fine groceries we have the PIONEER YEAST POWDER, a superior article for muffins, tea-biscuit, corn-bread and pastry of all kinds.

ALBRO & SMITH, No. 328 Bowery.
A. T. ALBRO, No. 376 Bowery.
W. C. BURNISTON & SON, No. 116 4th-av.
W. S. CORWIN & CO., No. 900 Broadway.
ALBRO & POLHEMUS, No. 1,288 Broadway.

Hernia, Varicocele and General Deformities, specially treated by the undersigned, at No. 154 Fulton-st.; trusses, abdominal supporters, spinal and shoulder braces; silk elastic stockings, suspensory bandages, &c., carefully adjusted to suit each case. J. C. MARSH.

A Touch of Winter Premonishes the ladies to select their Furs at GENIN'S, No. 513 Broadway. They will find all the fashionable varieties, made up in the new Paris styles, and at prices dictated by a determination to command popular trade in this department.

The Holiday call for Hats at Genin's, occasioned by the introduction of his Holiday Hats for calls, grows livelier day by day, as the festal crisis approaches. GENIN, No. 513 Broadway.

Merry Christmas, Ladies, and if you wish beautiful boots and shoes, bows, rosettes, &c., with gents' embroidered toilet slippers for holiday presents, patronize MILLER & CO., No. 387 Canal-st.

Ladies, Discard Injurious Paddings.—Mme. JUMEL'S Mammarial Balm and Patent Breast Elevator develops the form physiologically. 363 Canal-st. Sold by druggists. Send stamp for sealed circular.

A Most Superior Article for Muffins, tea biscuit, corn bread, &c., &c., the PIONEER YEAST POWDER, sold by all grocers and made by TAYLOR & YOUNG, No. 186 Front-st., New-York.

At Semmons', No. 669½ Broadway, a splendid assortment of Opera, Field and Marine Glasses, Microscopes, &c. Also, the celebrated Brazilian Pebble Spectacles and Eye-glasses.

Holiday Presents.—The cheapest and only genuine meerschaum is bought at Ruth's Meerschaum Manufactory, No. 413 Broome-st.

At Everdell's Card Depot, No. 302 Broadway—The elegant Crystal Visiting Card for the Holidays.

Wigs, Toupees and Ornamental Hair, first quality; Hair Dye and Hair Dyeing, all colors, at BATCHELOR'S, No. 16 Bond-st.

Metcalfe's Great Rheumatic Remedy.—This new and wonderful medicine acts like magic, curing Rheumatism of years standing in a few days.

Furs for the Holidays.—$30,000 worth of Furs of all kinds, selling off at greatly reduced prices, at BANTA'S, No. 357 Canal-st., corner of Wooster.

Holiday Presents.—Stereoscopes and Views, fine Albums, Landscapes, &c. E. & H. T. ANTHONY & CO., No. 501 Broadway, St. Nicholas Block.

Cristadoro's Hair Dye is universally acknowledged as the best extant. Factory No. 6 Astor House.

Trusses, &c.—MARSH & CO.'S Radical Cure Truss Office, only at No. 2 Vesey-st. Also supporters, bandages, silks, elastic stockings, &c. A lady attendant.

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THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next. The poll will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

W. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking-room, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, the 8th January, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN R. KEARNY, Cashier.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Erie and Atlantic Sleeping Coach Company for the Election of Directors, will be held at the Company's office, Erie Building, on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867.

JNO. N. ABBOTT, Secretary.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, Dec. 18, 1866.

SCHEDULES OF (30) THIRTY OR MORE coupons due Jan. 1, 1867, will be now received for examination at the United States Treasury.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Assistant Treasurer.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE

SOUTHWEST Pacific R. R. Co.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST GUARANTEED BY THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, IN COUPON BONDS OF $1,000 EACH, TWENTY YEARS TO RUN. DUE SEPT. 15, 1886.

INTEREST AT THE RATE OF SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM, PAYABLE IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK ON THE FIRST DAYS OF JANUARY AND JULY.

These Bonds are issued on 77 miles of completed road, now in operation to Rolla, in the State of Missouri, which cost to construct $4,500,000

And 13 miles of road graded, with material on hand, to be completed by Jan. 1, 1867, at a cost of 500,000

Together with 260,000 acres of land, now being disposed of at a minimum of $5 per acre, (maximum $40) 1,300,000

Say present total value of $6,300,000

THE AMOUNT OF BONDS ISSUED IS $2,000,000.

SECURED BY MORTGAGE TO JOHN P. YELVERTON AND CHAS. H. WARD, OF NEW-YORK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE ABOVE NAMED PROPERTY.

By a provision of this Mortgage, when lands are sold to the amount of $40,000, it is to constitute a special fund for the redemption of a like amount of these Bonds at a rate not exceeding 105 per cent. They are also receivable at PAR by the Company in payment of its sales of lands.

At St. Louis this road connects with all the Eastern railways, and runs west through the most attractive parts of the State of Missouri, via Franklin, St. James, Rolla, Lebanon, Marshfield, Granby (lead mines) and Neosho, to the west line of the State. At Springfield it will connect with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Railroad (its eastern terminus) to the Pacific.

When completed, it will present a road of 310 miles in length, costing about $12,000,000

With 1,036,000 acres of land, valued at 10,000,000

Showing a total value of $22,000,000

With a total amount of bonds authorized, with the guarantee as above, of $7,250,000

Which may be issued at a rate not exceeding $25,000 per mile of completed work as it progresses.

Of the present issue of $2,000,000 of bonds, the sum of $500,000 is now offered for sale at the low rate of 80 per cent. The Company will advance the rate to 85 per cent. on the 1st January instant.

For further particulars apply to

WARD & CO.,
Bankers,
No. 54 Wall-st., New-York.

EAST INDIA TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

CHARTERED UNDER A SPECIAL CHARTER.

CAPITAL $5,000,000

JOHN P. YELVERTON, President.
N. MICKLES, Vice-President.
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GEORGE ELLIS, Treasurer.
AUGUSTINE HEARD, JR., Presiding Director and Executive Officer, Hong-Kong, China.

DIRECTORS.

J. H. WADE, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company.
ISAAC LIVERMORE, Treasurer Michigan Central Railroad, Boston.
FLETCHER WESTRAY, of Westray, Gibbs & Hardcastle, No. 1 William-st., New-York.
O. H. PALMER, Treasurer Western Union Telegraph Company.
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C. S. WESTCOTT, of C. S. Westcott & Co.

Connecting all the principal seaports of the Chinese Empire with the Collins Line across Behring Strait with San Francisco and New-York, and the Russian Government line to St. Petersburg, and with London, Paris and all the principal cities of Europe.

Five hundred thousand dollars of the stock only will be sold in the United States at fifty per cent.

Subscriptions will be received at

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
No. 15 Nassau-st.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH AMERICA,
No. 44 Wall-st.

And at the office of the Company, No. 55 Liberty-st.

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Messrs. WM. F. WELD & CO., Boston.

CAPITAL $5,000,000.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors, will be held at their Banking Room on the second Tuesday in January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the Board.

B. SEMAN, Cashier.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
STOCK BROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
No. 43 Pine-st., New-York.
Established 15 years.

Insurance, City Railroad, Gaslight, Bank, Telegraph, Express and Mining Stocks receive special attention and on hand for sale, some of them paying from 10 to 20 per cent. dividend.

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OFFICE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO., AS REORGANIZED,
Ohio, Dec. 15, 1866.

THE TRANSFER-BOOKS OF THIS Company, at the agency in New-York City, and at this office, will be closed from the 1st to the 15th of January, proximo, inclusive.

WM. E. WATSON, Secretary.

Parties holding certificates of stock discharged from the Chillicothe books, are requested to surrender them at the New-York agency for registry before the closing of the transfer-books.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking rooms, corner Broadway and Murray-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867.

Polls open from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

FOR SALE—42D-ST. AND GRAND-ST. FERRY Railroad stock at a bargain; also, Central Park, North and East River (Belt) Railroad, Third-avenue Railroad, and other City railroad stocks. Insurance, bank stocks, &c., &c., at low rates for investment.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
No. 43 Pine-st., New-York.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the Board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 38 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR ELEVEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1867. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

J. L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

TOLEDO, LOGANSPORT AND BURLINGton First Mortgage seven per cent Bonds, for sale by

WILLIAM C. EGLESTON,
No. 54 William-st.

$3.600 WANTED ON CHATTEL mortgage, secured by furniture, which is worth $12,000; in London; Liverpool fire insurance. Address M. A., Box No. 109 Times Office.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MINNESOTA,

which are only $10,000 per mile on finished road. For sale by

TURNER BROTHERS,
Bankers, corner of Nassau and Pine sts.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

No. 96 Warren-st.

Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on all sums entitled thereto, free of Government tax. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Sec'y.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 283 BOWERY.

Six per cent. interest (free from Government tax) allowed on sums of from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before Jan. 2 will draw interest from that date.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

STEPHEN CUTTER, President.

HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK

NO. 58 BOWERY, CORNER OF CANAL-ST.

SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

Interest allowed on all amounts from $5 to $5,000. Open every day from 10 to 3, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 7.

Money deposited now will draw interest from Jan. 1.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 3 CHAMBERS-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY NOTIfied that interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on all sums from $1 to $500, and at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on all sums over $500, which have been deposited for the space of six and three months previous to the 1st day of January 1, 1867, payable on and after the 21st day of January next. Interest not called for will be added to the principal and draw interest as if deposited previous to the 1st of January.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. till 3 P. M., and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 P. M.

CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
No. 10 COOPER INSTITUTE, 3d-av.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED on all sums from $1 to $5,000, free from Government tax.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from 1st inst.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

WM. J. BARNES, Secretary.

THE NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK, corner 34th-st. and 8th-av.—Deposits will be received from 10 to 3 daily; also on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8. Interest allowed at the rate of six per cent., free of Government tax.

JOHN HOOPER, President.

FREDK. L. VULTE, Secretary.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK, NO. 594 8th-av., corner 42d-st.—Open daily. Interest 6 per cent., free of tax. Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLYING WINTER-STRAINED OIL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE LIGHTHOUSE BOARD,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1866.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 1 o'clock P. M. on FRIDAY, the 18th day of January, 1867, for supplying the Lighthouse establishments with sixty thousand gallons of the best quality pure Winter-strained Oil, either Lard or Sperm, to be divided into four lots, and to be delivered at the times undermentioned, alongside of the Government supply vessels or at the warehouse or other place of deposit, to be designated by the Inspecting Officer or other authorized agent of the Lighthouse Board, in strong, tight, iron-bound, well-made casks, suitable for shipping, in good order, of a capacity, each, from fifty to eighty gallons—not to exceed the latter. The Lard Oil may be delivered at Boston or New-York, at the option of the bidders.

The place of delivery in each case must be distinctly stated in the bids, and will be embraced in the contracts.

The four lots will be delivered as follows, viz.:

Lot No. 1. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons Sperm Oil on the 2d day of April, 1867, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 2. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons Lard Oil on the 13th day of April, 1867, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 3. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons Sperm Oil on the 1st day of June, 1867, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Lot No. 4. Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons Lard Oil on the 1st day of August, 1867, or as soon thereafter as the proper tests and gauging can be completed.

Separate proposals will be received at the same time for ten thousand (10,000) gallons of Colza Oil or Lard Oil, in two lots of five thousand (5,000) gallons each, to be delivered as above stipulated at Detroit, Mich., on the 1st day of May, 1867.

No bid will be considered unless from a manufacturer of the article.

No part of the oil proposed for and to be embraced in the contracts under this advertisement will be accepted, received, or paid for, until it shall have been proved, to the entire satisfaction of the person or persons charged with its examination, test and inspection, to be of the best quality pure Winter-strained Oil and free from mixture with other or inferior oils and adulterations.

The usual means for determining the character and quality of the Sperm Oil will be employed, viz.: Specific gravity, burning, the amount of residuum and any other proper tests to arrive at correct conclusions that may be deemed necessary.

The Lard Oil will be subject to special tests, and will be rejected unless found to be, in regard to burning and fluidity, under reduction of temperature, and in every other respect equal to that of the standard adopted by the Board, of which a sample will be furnished on application to the Lighthouse Engineer at Boston, Mass.

The casks must be gauged under the direction and personal supervision of the inspecting officer, by a Custom-house or other legally authorized and sworn gauger, according to the United States standard, and must be marked and accepted before they are removed from the cellar or warehouse of the contractor. The temperature of the oil will be accurately noted, and the measurement reduced to the standard temperature of 60 deg. Fahrenheit, by tables prepared for the purpose.

Proposals will be received and considered for each lot separately, or for all of the lots, at the option of the bidder; but no bid will be considered for a less quantity than that specified as one lot, to be delivered at one time and place. Each bid must state explicitly, written out in full, the kind of oil offered, (whether Sperm, Lard or Colza,) the rate per gallon, the number of the lot or lots bid for, and the place of delivery, conforming to this advertisement.

Bids submitted by different members of the same firm or copartnership will not be considered.

The Lighthouse Board, under the authority of the Department, reserves the right to reject any bid, although it may be the lowest, for other considerations than the price.

No bid will be considered for any other kind or description of Oil than those specially called for in this advertisement.

A bond, with security to the satisfaction of the Department, in a penalty equal to one-fourth of the amount of each contract made under these proposals, will be required of each contractor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract, to be executed within ten days after the acceptance of the bid.

Each offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, and known to the Department as such, or certified by a United States District Judge, Attorney, Navy Agent, or Collector of the Customs, to the effect that, if the bid be accepted, the bidder will duly execute a contract in good faith, according to the provisions and terms of this advertisement, within ten days after acceptance; and that, in case the said party offering shall fail to enter into the contract as aforesaid, he or they guarantee to make good the difference between the offer of the said party and the next lowest bidder. All bids must be sealed and indorsed "*Proposals for Oil for Lighthouses*," and then placed in another envelope, and directed, prepaid, to the Secretary of the Lighthouse Board, Washington City.

All bids will be opened publicly, at the hour and on the day specified.

Payments will be made for the several lots of Oil within thirty days after they shall have been received by the United States.

By order of the Lighthouse Board.

ANDREW A. HARWOOD, Secretary.

TO ARCHITECTS.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Architects are invited to prepare plans and specifications, and estimates of cost, for new fire-proof buildings for the War Department, on the site now occupied by the War Department and adjacent vacant ground, in Washington, D. C.

The buildings required should have a superficial area as large as the site selected will admit of. Photographs of site, and all other information relating to the subject, will be furnished to Architects desiring to compete for the work, upon application, personally or by letter, to the undersigned.

A premium of $3,000 for the first, of $2,000 for the second, and $1,000 for the third most acceptable plans and specifications received, will be awarded, upon the approval of the Hon. Secretary of War, by the Board of Officers charged with the duty of selecting a site and preparing plans and specifications for the buildings of the War Department under act of Congress approved July 28, 1866.

The plans and specifications must be sent to the office of Brevet Lieut.-Col. T. J. Treadwell, Recorder of the Board, Ordnance Office, Winder's Building, Washington, D. C., on or before the first day of February, 1867.

The Board will reserve the right to reject any or all plans submitted, should none be deemed suitable for the purpose, as well as to retain any or all of such plans.

By order of the Board.

T. J. TREADWELL,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. A., Recorder.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. N., No. 29 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 12 M. the 28th of December, 1866, for the following description of granite, to be delivered immediately, free of expense to the Government, at the New-York Navy-yard, and subject to the usual inspection thereat:

BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS.

20,000 cubic feet rough-cut Eastern granite, one-third to be 16 feet long and 4 feet wide; one-third to be from 10 to 13 feet long and 3½ to 4 feet wide; one-third to be from 6 to 9 feet long and from 3½ to 3 feet wide—all to dress exactly 18 inches in thickness. The stone to be sound, free from holes, and to be rough dressed all round.

20,000 cubic feet Eastern granite for wall above low water; to be from 4 to 10 feet long, 3 to 4 feet wide, and 18 inches in thickness. Beds, builds and joints to be rough-cut, and have full joints, all to be cut so as to form a good bend, 4,515 square feet face, to have chiseled arris, one inch wide, and to be neatly pointed, and free from holes; batter of face 1¼ inch to the foot.

Responsible security will be required for the prompt and faithful delivery of the above. Blank forms for bidders to be had at this office.

JOHN D. GIBSON,
Paymaster, U. S. N.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON,
DEP'T OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 1 Bond-st., New-York, Dec. 19, 1866.

PROPOSALS SEALED AND ENDORSED AS above will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of the 26th inst., for supplying the institutions under their charge with fresh beef and mutton for one year, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1867, either party under the contract reserving the right to terminate the same on giving thirty days' notice.

All information as to the quantity, quality, cuts, and mode of delivery of the beef and mutton, will be furnished on application at their office.

OWEN W. BRENNAN,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
ISAAC BELL,
JAMES BOWEN,
Commissioners.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

A KINDLING-WOOD FACTORY FOR sale on easy terms, in complete running order by steam power; horses, trucks, &c., &c.; the property will be either sold or leased. For further particulars, apply at the factory, Classon-av., near Myrtle, Brooklyn.

SPECIAL PARTNER WANTED WITH $20,000 to $30,000 capital, in an established, paying business, well located in Broadway. With additional capital the business can be increased to any extent. Address NEMO, Box No. 4,509 Post-office, New-York.

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer.
Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

OPENING SALE OF FINE ORIGINAL MODERN OIL PAINTINGS, AT THE FINE ART GALLERY, NO. 82 5TH-AV., SOUTHWEST CORNER 14TH-ST.

MINER & SOMERVILLE will sell at auction, at their new and spacious Fine Art Gallery, No. 82 5th-av., on THURSDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, at 7½ o'clock, Dec. 20 and 22, a large and fine collection of original modern oil paintings, imported by A. D'Huyvetter, Esq., of Antwerp, and never before exhibited in this country, among which are works of the following eminent European artists viz.:

Louis Robbe,	David Col,	L. Vankuyck,
E. Verboekhoven,	H. Schaefels,	J. Strobel,
J. Vaarburg,	M. A. Koekkoek,	J. Crabeels,
A. Eversen,	C. Leickert,	J. J. Spohler,
T. Ruyten,	Vanden Eyken,	H. Savry,
M. Tenkate,	H. Savry,	F. Kruseman,
T. Francia,	J. Marohn,	W. Luinig,
F. Vonseben,	A. T. Verhoven Ball,	T. Devos,
	Carolus,	

and others of celebrity. Also, from the banking-house of Bowles, Grivet & Co., of Paris, examples of

Troyon,	F. Moulinet,	W. Diaz,
T. Frere,	J. Veyrassat,	Jules Nod,
S. Melin,	P. L. Couturier,	E. Hichel,
F. Willems,	Lanfant De Metz Couder, &c. &c.	

Also, from a private collection, the works of

Thos. Cole,	Thos. Doughty,	Geo. Moreland,
S. Anderson,	Joseph Vernet,	J. G. Mebby,

and others.

ALSO,

the large and elegant painting entitled CAST ASHORE, by J. Hilverdink, presented by the Government of the Netherlands to the World's Fair in New-York, at a cost of $8,000.

The above will be open for exhibition on and after Monday, day and evening, and will be found on examination to be the finest collection offered at auction this season.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers.

SUPERB BOOKS AT AUCTION.

BOOK TRADE SALESROOMS,
No. 498 Broadway.

LIBRARIES CATALOGUED AND SOLD.

GREAT SALE OF HOLIDAY BOOKS, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, Dec. 20, 21 and 22, at 4 o'clock P. M. each day.

ELEGANT CHRISTMAS BOOKS,

being a choice selection of elegantly bound works, suitable for Christmas presents, selected from the large stock of

D. APPLETON & COMPANY.

Among which will be found, elegantly bound in full morocco, full calf extra and antique, half calf or half morocco:

Dore's Bible; Dore's Milton's Paradise Lost; Jameson's Works on Art, 6 vols.; Life of Man Symbolized; New Testament, illustrated; Cooper Vignettes; Lever's Works, 20 vols.; Waverley Novels, with proof plates, 25 vols., full calf; do. half calf; Shakespeare's Works, all the best editions, elegantly bound; Lord Macaulay's Works, 8 vols., full calf; do. half calf; Dickens' Works, with 500 designs by Cruikshank, 26 vols., full calf; do. half calf; Don Quixote, illustrated by Dore; Appleton's New American Cyclopædia, 16 vols., half Turkey; do. half Russia; do. do. Annual Cyclopædia, 5 vols.; Berlin Gallery, Dresden Gallery, Munich Gallery, Vienna Gallery—all elegantly bound in morocco extra; Black's Atlas, Two Centuries of Song, Wordsworth's Greece, Roberts' Holy Land, 4 vols., plates, ½ mor., original; Lodge's Portraits, 10 vols., royal 8vo., early copy; Bohn's Standard Library, 129 vols., ½ calf, gilt extra; Bohn's Scientific Library, 56 vols., ½ calf, gilt extra; Bohn's Illustrated Library, 64 vols., ½ calf, gilt extra, superb sets; Daniell's Oriental Scenery, 3 vols., folio, colored plates; Henry's Illustrated Commentary, 3 vols., 4to, full binding; do., full calf, &c.

Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

Gentlemen unable to attend the sale can have their orders to purchase executed by the auctioneers without charge.

This will be the only sale D. A. & Co. will make this year in New-York. Every book in this catalogue will be sold without reserve.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

At the LEEDS ART GALLERIES, Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, on the evening of FRIDAY, Dec. 28, at 7½ o'clock.

A remarkably fine collection of paintings by the best AMERICAN ARTISTS. Also, a few choice foreign works, mainly the property of a well-known collector of Baltimore, consigned to S. P. Avery. Among them will be found three of the LARGEST and FINEST subjects ever executed by

DURAND,

and representative specimens of the following American artists:

Bierstadt,	Jas. Hart,	Kensett,	Cropsey,
Gifford,	Casilear,	W. H. Beard,	Suydam,
W. Hart,	G. H. Hall,	Haseltine,	Hubbard,
Whittredge,	Lambdin,	Mignot,	W. T. Hays,
Tait,	Eumonds,	S. Colman,	W. T. Richards,
Gignoux,	P. Weber,	Vedder,	Blauvelt,
Nehlig,	De Haas,	Mrs. Spencer,	Rossiter.

The pictures of foreign artists are by

Valet,	Litschauer,	Auken,	Lassalle,
Billotte,	Lanfant de Metz,	de Lambert,	David,
Rozier,	Jacques Meris,	Cossmann,	Conty,
Chitillion,	Duverger,	Jacomin,	Geurard,
Marre,	De Rudder,	Chamerlet,	D'Orscheviller,
Galletti,	Heinrich,	Grund,	Reichard.

They will be on free exhibition, with catalogues, on and after SATURDAY, Dec. 22, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., and until 10 P. M. three evenings previous to the sale.

BENJ. F. THEALL, Auctioneer.
Late salesman with E. H. Ludlow & Co.

LADIES' AND GENT'S FANCY FURS, SLEIGH AND LAP ROBES, &c.

THEALL & BROS. will sell sell by auction THIS DAY and THURSDAY, 19th and 20th insts., at 11 o'clock each day, at their salesroom, No. 62 Liberty-st.:

A fine assortment of sable, mink, ermine, fitch, squirrel and beaver, full sets, collars, caps, &c.

Also, a fine assortment of sleigh and lap robes. All goods warranted fresh and free from moths. Catalogues early on morning of sale.

STEAMERS ARAGO AND FULTON FOR SALE.

The above steamers will be offered for sale at public auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Merchants' Exchange, Trinity Buildings, by JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., auctioneers.

No. 7 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.

FURS! FURS!

THIS DAY, (THURSDAY,) Dec. 20, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Central Salesrooms, Willoughby-st., corner Pearl, Brooklyn, the balance of the stock of fine furs will be positively closed out this day.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY ON HOWARD, BROOME, SHERIFF, 20TH, 34TH, 35TH, 45TH, 47TH AND 87TH STS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, 1866, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of A. R. Morgan, Esq., executor of John B. Scoles, deceased, the following-described property, viz.:

HOWARD-ST.—2 Houses and lots, Nos. 13 and 15, 25x100 each.

BROOME-ST.—House and lot, No. 426, 25x139.

SHERIFF-ST.—House and lot, No. 89, 25x100.

WEST 34TH-ST.—House and lot, No. 442, 20x98.9.

WEST 35TH-ST.—House and lot, No. 414, 25x98.9.

WEST 45TH-ST.—House and lot, No. 284, 25x100.

WEST 47TH-ST.—House and lot, No. 226, 18.5x100.5.

EAST 87TH-ST.—House and lot, north side, 115 feet east of 3d-av., 25x about 137.

WEST 20TH-ST.—House and lease of lot, No. 19?, 25x91.11.

Maps and particulars at the office of the Auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DEfault has been made in the payment of the consideration moneys mentioned in a certain mortgage, dated February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, made by the North American Lloyd Steamship Company to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that, pursuant to the terms of said mortgage, the said Pacific Mail Steamship Company will by P. C. BULKLEY, Auctioneer, offer for sale at the [salesroom of the] Merchant's Exchange, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the twenty-sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, at twelve o'clock noon of that day, and sell at public auction the two several steamships, or vessels, respectively called *Atlantic* and *Baltic*—the said steamship *Atlantic* being of the burden of 2,661 98-100 tons, and the said steamship *Baltic* being of the burden of 2,644 44-100 tons, together with all and singular their respective masts, bowsprits, sails, boats, anchors, cables and all other necessaries thereunto appertaining and belonging.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
F. W. G. BELLOWS, Vice-President.
CLARKSON N. POTTER, of counsel, Nos. 59 and 61 Wall-st.—NEW-YORK, Nov. 26, 1866.

F. COLTON, Auctioneer.

LARGE SALE OF FURNITURE—CARpets, oil-cloths, parlor suites, French plate mirrors, elegant damask, brocatel and lace curtains, Parian, Chinese and fancy goods; silver-plated do., oil-paintings, 8 or 10 stoves, millinery goods, &c., &c. THIS DAY, (Thursday,) Dec. 20, at 10½ o'clock, at the auction rooms No. 724 Broadway, opposite New-York Hotel, a large amount of good household furniture, 20 or 30 good carpets, oil-cloths, parlor and bedroom furniture, mirrors, damask and lace curtains, oil-paintings, Parian, Chinese and fancy goods, silver-plated ware, &c., &c.; also, millinery goods, 8 or 10 stoves, &c., &c. Sale peremptory.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, Auctioneers.

SPECIAL SALE OF FIRST-CLASS COPIES OF THE OLD MASTERS, IN RICH CARVED FLORENTINE FRAMES.—HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell by auction on FRIDAY, 21st inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., in the gallery over our store, No. 93 Liberty-st., a few doors west of Broadway, an invoice of very fine copies of the old masters, in rich carved Florentine frames, just received direct from Europe. Also, an invoice of original European and American pictures, by artists of merit. They will be on exhibition as above on Tuesday morning, free, until sale.

AUCTION NOTICE—DANIEL A. MATHEWS, having resumed the auction business will hold a SPECIAL AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF PARIS AND VIENNA FANCY GOODS, ELEGANT CLOCKS, BRONZES, VASES, RICH SILVER PLATED AND GLASS WARE, DIAMONDS, GOLD WATCHES, MUSICAL BOXES, &c., of the most recherche description at the new salesrooms,

NO. 940 AND 942 BROADWAY, CORNER 22D-ST., ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 AND 20, at 11 o'clock each day. Catalogues will be ready and goods may be examined on Tuesday, 18th inst, from 11 A. M. to 10 P. M.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON FRANKLIN, BROOME AND VARICK STS. AT AUCTION.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:

FRANKLIN-ST.—The lot of land, with the two-story brick house thereon, situated on the north side of Franklin-st., 57 feet east of Hudson-st., known as No. 164.

BROOME AND VARICK STS.—The lot of land, with three-story and attic brick store and dwelling thereon, situated on the southwest corner of Broome and Varick sts.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL at auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., a large collection of OIL PAINTINGS, received from a number of connoisseurs of this City, which will be sold without reserve. The above are now on exhibition. Also about 25 fine water-colored drawings by Wm. Craig, Esq., of this City.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M., at the Central Salesrooms, corner Willoughby and Pearl sts., Brooklyn, mirrors, bookcases, parlor suites, marble-top parlor, chamber and dining-room furniture, mattresses, bedding, fancy goods, china, &c., &c., stoves, carpets, oil-cloths, beer-pumps, &c., &c. Also, one butcher cart.

J. COLE, Auctioneer.

FINAL SALE OF THE BALANCE OF the Polhemus estate, near Prospect Park, Brooklyn. J. COLE will sell on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 369 Fulton-st., opposite the City Hall, Brooklyn, 56 vacant lots on 5th-av., Union, Sacket and President sts., to close the Polhemus estate. Maps are ready at the salesroom.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS ON 79TH-ST.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:

79TH-ST.—Three full lots and two gore lots in the rear, on the north side of 79th-st., between 2d and 3d avs.

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER,

On THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 27, at 7:30 o'clock, at the LEEDS ART GALLERIES, Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, southwest corner of 12th-st.:

A very fine PRIVATE COLLECTION OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PICTURES BY EMINENT AND FAVORITE ARTISTS, being the entire collection of two well-known connoisseurs, comprising pictures by viz.:

EUROPEAN ARTISTS.

Archenbach,	Wonters,	Toussaint,
Duverger,	H. De Bend,	David,
Gesselachap,	L. Willems,	Scnermers,
O. Eastman,	Leyckert,	Kruseman,
C. Hubner,	Hoguet,	Noterman,
A. Siegert,	Verboeckhoven,	Cortes,
Boulanger,	Everson,	Beyrassat,
Gues,	Van Elven,	Gude.

AMERICAN ARTISTS.

Gilbert Stuart,	Culverhouse,	G. H. Brughton,
Cole,	G. M. Hart,	J. G. Brown,
Colman,	Wm. Hart,	Rondel,
V. Wehlig,	W. H. Beard,	Moran,
E. White,	D. Johnson,	Van Beest,
T. L. Smith,	A. W. Warren,	J. R. Brevoort,

AND OTHERS EQUALLY CELEBRATED.

They will be on exhibition on and after SATURDAY, Dec. 22, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., and until 10 P. M. two evenings previous to sale.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER WILL sell by auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 93 Liberty-st.:

To be sold without reserve, a large and valuable stock of select old wines, brandies and cigars, &c., fully guaranteed, and in every respect suitable for medical or table use, viz.:

Very fine pale and golden sherries, in demijohns, casks and cases; do. old Madeira and port wines, champagnes, hocks, California wines, old brandies, favorite brands and vintages; Scotch, Irish and Bourbon whiskies, old Holland gins in original packages, Jamaica rums, &c. Also, several lines of good to the trade in quantities to suit, including one small cask of Scotch whisky. Also, to close an estate, a few lines very choice wines, brandies, &c., from a select private stock, all of very high grades, well worthy of the attention of those critical in their tastes. Full particulars in catalogues.

ALSO,

an assortment of first-class cigars, viz.: El Sol de Santiago, Luna Laleno, Flor de Mayo, La Rosa de Santiago, and other brands.

A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer.

BY BANGS, MERWIN & CO., AT THEIR salesrooms, Nos. 694 and 696 Broadway, corner of 4th-st.:

SUPERB ENGRAVINGS.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS,
Dec. 20 and 21, at 7½ o'clock.

A magnificent collection of FINE STEEL ENGRAVINGS—proofs and early impressions—just received from the British Fine Arts Publishing Company, of London. This collection comprises choice copies of the best works of Landseer, Ansdell, Herring, Martin, Turner, Frith, Faed, Thompson and other celebrated modern artists. The engravings are all tastefully framed in black walnut and gilt, ready for hanging, now on view. Catalogues may be had at the salesrooms.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL at auction on FRIDAY, Dec. 21, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., a private collection of Oil Paintings, Water Color and Pencil Drawings, by the following artists, viz.:

P. Villamie,	Rene Menard,	Lanfant de Metz,
Le Secq,	T. Marrhn,	Z. Notteman,
Gersa,	C. P. Ream,	W. Hart,
T. A. Richards,	F. O. C. Darley,	Wm. Craig,
I. C. Thom,	C. Coleman,	Lambdin,
Sonntag,	W. T. Richards,	Stone,
	W. Ramsay,	

and others. They are now on exhibition and will be sold without reserve.

ERNST ROTH, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.—ERNST ROTH, AUCtioneer, will sell at public auction, $18,000 worth of MAGNIFICENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ELEGANT ROSEWOOD PIANO-FORTE, BEAUTIFUL PARLOR FURNITURE, WORKS OF ART, BRONZES, CHINA VASES AND FIGURES,

velvet, brussels and ingrain carpets, 50 fine oil-paintings by eminent artists, rich cut glass china and silverware.—THIS DAY (Thursday), Dec. 20, afternoon at 1½ o'clock precisely, at the four-story dwelling-house No. 119 Clinton-place, 8th-st., between 5th and 6th avs. Sale positive.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 129 ALLEN-ST., BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of J. Lawrence Slosson, Esq., referee:

ALLEN-ST.—House and lot situate on the westerly side of Allen-st., between Rivington and Delancy sts., and known as No. 129. Lot 25x87.6.

THEALL & BROS., Auctioneers.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21, AT 11 O'CLOCK, AT No. 62 Liberty-st., a private stock of liquors, &c., consisting of Bourbon and rye whiskies, sherry and Madeira wines, old brandies, gins, &c. Catalogues and samples early on morning of sale. The above goods are warranted first-class in all respects.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, Auctioneers.

RECEIVER'S SALE OF ELEGANT DIAMONDS AND OTHER FIRST-CLASS IMPORTED JEWELRY, ON SATURDAY, DEC. 22, AT 11 O'CLOCK, AT OUR SALESROOM, NO. 93 LIBERTY-ST.

OFFICE OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE,
No. 29 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, at the depot of Army Clothing and Equipage, corner Laight and Washington sts., New-York City, on THURSDAY, the 3d of January, 1867, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M.,

30,000 TO 40,000 ARMY BLANKETS, (NEW.)

Samples of the above may be seen at the depot, and further information obtained at this office.

TERMS—Cash, in Government funds; ten per cent. down, and the balance before the goods are taken from the depot, which must be within three days of sale, under forfeiture of purchase and ten per cent.

Bt. Brig.-Gen. D. H. VINTON,
Assistant Quartermaster-General U. S. A.

NOTICE OF SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A chattel mortgage, made by the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad Company to the Staten Island Railroad Company, dated June 17, 1865, and duly filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New-York, and of the Clerk of Hudson County, in the State of New-Jersey, upon which said mortgage default has been made—the undersigned will expose for sale at public auction, by E. H. LUDLOW & CO., auctioneers, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 22d day of December, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon, the property mortgaged, to wit: the steamboat JOSEPHINE, her engines, machinery, tackle, apparel, boats and furniture, and all appurtenances thereunto belonging.

The Staten Island Railroad Company,
By JAMES W. BRAISTED, Attorney.
Dated NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

AUCTION SALE OF DIAMONDS JEWELRY, gold and silver watches, &c., &c., by A. M. CRISTALAR, auctioneer, on THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at 1½ o'clock, postponed until further notice.

MILLINERY.

TO MILLINERS AND COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.

We cut lengths of Millinery Goods cheaper than downtown jobbers sell whole pieces. Call.

EDW'D RIDLEY,
Nos. 309, 311 and 311½ Grand, and 63, 68 and 70 Allen-st., Fifth block east from the Bowery.

BONNETS AND MANTILLA VELVET, HALF-PRICE. Velvet Bonnets at $10, worth $20. Visiting Bonnets, Evening Bonnets and Hats, Reception Bonnets made to order.

L. BINNS, Millinery, No. 577 Broadway,
Opposite Niblo's Theatre.

PARIS WINTER MILLINERY BELOW COST.—Mrs. DAVIDSON, No. 38 University-place, will now dispose of her elegant assortment of ladies' and misses' bonnets and round hats below cost of materials, in order to close the business of the season.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,

OFFICE CORNER OF BROADWAY AND LIBERTY-STREET.

F. S. WINSTON, President.

Cash Assets, Nov. 1, 1866.

$17,316,001 83.

This Company issues Life, Endowment and Paid-up Policies, in various forms, and at rates as favorable as is consistent with security.

DIVIDENDS ANNUAL AND IN CASH,

which may be used in payment of premiums, or on paid-up policies, as an annual CASH INCOME TO THE ASSURED.

Attention is called to the

INSTALMENT FEATURE,

Securing to the beneficiaries annuities for any number of years after the death of the assured.

RICHARD A. McCURDY, V. P.
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.
ISAAC ABBATT, JOHN M. STUART, Secretaries.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—CITY AND COUNTY of New-York—ANSON BLAKE, plaintiff, against SUSAN W. WINSLOW, as executrix of or trustee under the last will and testament of Hubbard Winslow, deceased, and in her own right, EDWARD H. WINSLOW, WILLIAM C. WINSLOW, KENELM WINSLOW, as trustees under the last will and testament of the said Hubbard Winslow, deceased; and, also, in their own right, HELEN A. WINSLOW, wife of the said Edward H. Winslow, EDWARD WINSLOW and HELEN WINSLOW, only children of the said Edward H. Winslow; EDWARD WARREN and ANNA W. WARREN, his wife; FANNY WARREN and EDNA WARREN children of the said Anna W. Warren; ADELINE W. BYINGTON, defendants.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants, severally above named and each of them: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, State of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, Post-office Buildings, Montague-place, near Court-street, in the City of Brooklyn, State of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated November 22, 1866.

C. J. & C. LOWREY, Plaintiff's Attorneys.
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[U. S. Int. Rev. stamp, 50c., canceled.]

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROSWELL C. BRAINARD, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings: Notice is hereby given, according to law to all persons having claims against BURTON E. CLARK late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 25 Pearl-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the Fourteenth day of February next.

LUCIUS BRADLEY, Executor.
Dated, AUG. 7, 1866. A8—law6m

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF JOHN W. MILLS, Surrogate of the County of Westchester, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of PETER POILLON, JR., late of the town of Yonkers, in said county, deceased, to present the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, Executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, at his office, No. 19 William-st., Room No. 18, New-York City, on or before the 15th day of June, A. D., 1867.

Dated this 5th day of December, A. D., 1866.

WM. B. BLACKWELL, Executor.
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DRY GOODS.

LADIES

Should look at our

SHOW WINDOW
and see our
LATEST STYLES
in the new
JEROME SKIRT.

GAYNOR,

Importer and Manufacturer,
No. 765 Broadway,
Between 8th and 9th sts.

No connection whatever with any other store in this City.

RICH DRY GOODS
FOR
HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
AT GREAT BARGAINS.

STRANG & ADRIANCE,

No. 355 BROADWAY, between Franklin and Leonard sts., will offer on MONDAY, Dec. 17, at retail

THE GREATEST BARGAINS YET OFFERED,

from last week's peremptory auction sales.

RICH SILK AND DRESS GOODS,

the greatest variety ever offered by us for

HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

at about 50 cents on the dollar. The richest and cheapest REAL POINT LACE, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS and CUFFS, ever offered.

LACE SHAWLS, PARIS, CAMEL'S HAIR, PAISLEY and other rich SHAWLS in great variety.

BLACK LYONS SILK VELVET,

first quality, at about half price of importation. Also, 5,000 DRESSES of the following goods, put up in

DRESS PATTERNS

with the price marked in plain figures on each dress, and placed on separate counters, for convenience of customers, comprising

EMPRESS CLOTH, MERINOS, ALPACAS, STRIPE and CHECK POPLINS, WINCEYS, PLAID and STRIPED VALENCIAS, FRENCH and AMERICAN DELAINES, FRENCH and AMERICAN PRINTS.

CORSETS,

A specialty,
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ALL

the latest French improvements. Constantly receiving

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All the most fashionable Paris styles,
Including
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adapted to skirts of all sizes.

SILK QUILTED SKIRTS, BALMORAL SKIRTS.
HOOPS IN BRILLIANT AND FULL-DRESS SKIRTS.

N. B.—Mrs. Gaynor personally attends at this upper store, where orders are executed with great particularity. No. 824 Broadway, corner 12th-st., and No. 765 Broadway, between 8th and 9th sts.

THE GREATEST CRASH IN MUSLINS EVER EXPERIENCED IN THE DRY-GOODS TRADE. ALL THE BEST MAKES

At 10c., 12½c., 15c., 18c., 22c. and 25c. a yard.

On Muslins you can save from 6c. to 12½c. a yard, by buying them of us.

YARD-WIDE WAMSUTTAS, 33c.

SILK AND WOOL POPLIN PLAIDS, $1.
FORMER PRICE, $1 75.

BLACK ALPACAS AT NEARLY HALF PRICE.

DRESS GOODS FOR HOLIDAYS.

Great demand for Garnets. We have a fine supply.

N. B.—No extra charge for Garnets.

BEAUTIFUL GARNET MERINOS, ALPACAS, GARNET EMPRESS CLOTHS, REPS, ENGLISH MERINOS, GARNET POPLINS, &c., &c.

FOSTER BROTHERS, No. 272 Bleecker-st., and
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F. DE PERCEVAL, NO. 739 BROADWAY, opposite Astor-place,

Offers for HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

INFANTS' ROBES, BLANKETS, CLOAKS, CAPS and BONNETS, SACKS, BIBS, APRONS, WAISTS, SPENCERS, RICH BASKETS. Also, CHILDREN'S CLOTH SACKS, COATS and CAPES, BLOUSES, &c.

Varieties of HANDKERCHIEFS and sets for CHILDREN and MISSES.

BRIDAL SETS, LADIES' DRESSING SACKS, SPENCERS, SKIRTS, HANDKERCHIEFS; LARGE STOCK OF EMBROIDERED YOKES, &c.

HANDSOME INITIALS and MONOGRAMS EMBROIDERED to order for HANDKERCHIEFS, TABLE LINEN and BEDCLOTHES, STAMPING and STAMPED GOODS.

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Have opened the most ELEGANT ASSORTMENT of CLOAKS, SACQUES, BASQUES, JACKETS and CIRCULARS, in VELVET and CLOTH, which cannot be surpassed in America.

No. 763 BROADWAY,
Between 8th and 9th sts.

WILLIAM BUCHANAN MACKENZIE,
Superintendent.

GLOVES—GLOVES—GLOVES.—$2 KIDS reduced to $1 75, black, white, light and dark colors; excellent Gloves at $1 and $1 25; undressed kid 90c. and $1; red, white and blue cloth, all sizes; a large assortment of Fall and Winter Gloves, Hoods, Sontags, Nubias, &c., at low prices.

N. B.—Hosiery and Undergarments at cost price, at ELGER'S, Nos. 880 and 882 Broadway, near 19th-st., east side.

DRESS TRIMMINGS, NEW STYLES.—Velvets, ribbons, laces, embroideries, handkerchiefs, collars, &c., at low prices, at ELGER'S, Nos. 880 and 882 Broadway, near 19th-st., east side.

FURS.

FINE MINK, SABLE, SQUIRREL, AND other varieties of furs, at reduced prices, at PHILLIPS', No. 236 Bleecker-st. Repairing and altering faithfully executed.

DIVIDENDS.

ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

DIVIDEND NO. 14.

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois and Michigan Canal have, by a resolution dated Nov. 20, 1866, declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on account of principal of Registered Illinois and Michigan Canal Bonds.

Said dividend will be paid to the holders of said bonds at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, No. 89 Maiden-lane, on and after Jan. 2, 1867.

The bonds must be presented for examination before the payment of the dividend, in order that they may be verified and stamped.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT, } Trustees
HENRY GRINNELL, } I. & M.
SHERIDAN WAIT. } Canal.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1866.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.

A dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share, (free of Government tax,) has this day been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after Jan. 2, 1867. The transfer-books will close on the 17th inst. and open on the 3d day of January next.

W. BEMENT, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1866.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

THE NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a Dividend of Four Per Cent. on the preferred and common stock, and the same, less the Government tax, will be paid to the shareholders on the 2d day of January, 1867, at the office of the Company, corner of 4th-av. and 26th-st.

The transfer books will be closed at 2 P. M., Dec. 26, 1866, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 3d of January, 1867.

W. H. EMERSON, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION TRUST COMPANY, No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST.,
Dec. 18, 1866.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE TRUSTEES OF the UNION TRUST COMPANY, of New-York, have declared a dividend on its capital stock of four per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. until the second day of January next.

W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Six (6) Per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on the first Monday of January next.

The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 10, 1867.

GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after 2d of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 5th of January, 1867.

W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., from the earnings of the current six months, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d of January next.

The transfer-books will remain closed until the day of payment.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 367 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. (FREE of Government tax) has this day been declared, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will close on the 22d inst., to reopen on the 2d of January, 1867. By order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

THE "INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF MERCHANTS' CLERKS," and others, No. 516 Broadway, has declared a dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., and payable MONDAY, Jan. 21, 1867, at the following rates per annum: Six per Cent. on sums of from $5 to $500, and Five per Cent. on larger sums, free from Government tax.

MOSES H. GRINNELL, President.

ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.
DEC. 13, 1866.

THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIrectors have declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 24th inst. to 2d January, 1867, inclusive. By order of the Board.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of five per cent. payable on and after the 2d day of January next, free of Government tax.

Transfer books will be closed from the 24th December to the 2d day of January.

A. MASTERTON, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1866.
HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 11 WALL-ST.

THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of 5 per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 1, 1867.

JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Five (5) Per Cent. has been declared, free of Government tax, payable on and after the 2d of January next. The transfer books will be closed from 20th inst. until 2d prox.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN AND ONE-HALF per cent. (free from Government tax) will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1867.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

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FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN TWO or three gentlemen's washing, or a small family's washing; she would also like to get a child to board at her home, where it would get the same care as her own. Apply at No. 248½ East 18th-st., Room No. 1.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTANT girl a situation as first-class waitress; understands hair-dressing; will do plain sewing; best of references. Call for two days at No. 213 East 19th-st., between 1st and 2d avs., second floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN AMERICAN woman to do general housework; she is middle aged, but capable of doing the work right in a small family, and is a good cook, washer and ironer. Can be seen at No. 106 6th-av., below 9th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN A situation to assist in the care of children; would instruct them if required, and do plain sewing. Can be seen at the residence of her late employer, No. 44 West 19th-st., for three days.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, A SITuation in a private family; thoroughly understands her business in all its branches; has lived in the best of families; has the best City reference. Call at No. 2 King-st., near Macdougal, fancy store.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD PLAIN cook; is willing to do washing and ironing in a small private family; can give the best of reference, of two years, from her last place. Call, for two days, at No. 214 6th-av., near 14th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble girl, with five years' good City reference, to take care of children and to do fine washing, or assist in any way required; can do up clothes in the neatest style. Can be seen at No. 214 East 21st-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-CLASS cook and baker; understands all kinds of desserts; can give very satisfactory references. Apply for two days at No. 96 Grove-st., near 4th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOman, (American,) a situation as seamstress or chambermaid, or would mind children; has the best of City reference. Call at No. 156 West 28th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SCOTCH GIRL; is capable of any kind of work; is a good cook washer and ironer. Can be seen at No. 196 6th-av., between 8th and 9th sts., second story.

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A COMPETENT SEAMSTRESS WISHES to go out by the day in families; can cut and fit children's and boys' clothes, and all kinds of family sewing; has Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine. Call for two days at No. 179 West 14th-st.

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MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE MAN (Scotch) as gardener and coachman, who understands his business in both of its branches, has been brought up to it; he is willing and obliging and knows how to keep a gentleman's place in first-class order; has first-class references. Address, for two days, SCOTCHMAN, Box No. 212 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FOREMAN OR in any other position in car, livery or boarding stables, by an American man: 20 years' experience and 5 years' reference from last employer; moderate wages for the Winter. Call on or address CHARLES, Box No. 217 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITER IN A private family by an active man, who is well experienced, and has City reference. Any commands left in drug-store, corner 22d-st. and Broadway, will be attended to.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GROOM AND coachman, by an Englishman, who understands his business thoroughly, and will make himself useful; country preferred. Address J. M., Box No. 201 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN as coachman and groom; understands his business; also understands milking and taking care of cattle; would make himself generally useful; best country references. Address J. D., Box No. 210 *Herald* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER, BY a man who understands his business in all its branches; also understands the management of a farm and care of horses; can produce the best of reference. Address, for three days, J. B., Box No. 214 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT single coachman and groom; has first-class references; understands his business thoroughly, and will work for $30 per month. Call or address FRANK, No. 81 Nassau-st., Office No. 9.

WANTED—BY A STOUT ABLE-BODIED MAN (Protestant) a situation as porter or farm hand; will make himself every way useful and obliging. Call or address for three days J. A., care of McGraw Bros., No. 422 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN BY a single man, who thoroughly understands his business; can give several years of the highest City references. Can be seen at his last employer's, No. 51 West 22d-st., or address M., Box No. 208 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble single man as coachman; can give the very best of City testimonials from last employers. Can be seen at No. 630 Broadway, or address COACHMAN, Box No. 217 *Times* office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN AND groom by a Protestant man of long experience; will make himself generally useful; no objection to the country; can produce first-class City references. Address N. B., Box No. 193 *Times* Office.

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The new and elegant British iron steamship WILLIAM PENN, 3,000 tons, will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.
The accommodations for passengers on this ship are unsurpassed.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
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CITY OF BOSTON.............SATURDAY...........Jan. 5
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.
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JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1867.
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FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage...$150
Second Cabin Passage..100
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Chief Cabin Passage...$125
Second Cabin Passage..80
Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
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Steamers weekly to Liverpool, calling at Queenstown.
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An experienced Surgeon on each ship, free of charge.
Drafts issued for any amount, payable at any bank in Great Britain, or on the continent.
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To Liverpool or Queenstown....$100 $30
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For freight or cabin passage apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway; for steerage tickets, at the passage office of the Company, No. 27 Broadway, or No. 275 Pearl-st.
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ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 19.
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FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage..$132 50
Second Cabin Passage..80 00
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Chief Cabin Passage..$112 50
Second Cabin Passage..65 00
Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
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PEREIRE.............DUCHESNE....SATURDAY, Jan. 12
VILLE DE PARIS..SURMONT......SATURDAY, Jan. 26
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin..............$135 | Second cabin..............$80
RATES AFTER 1ST JANUARY, 1867.
First cabin, $160; second cabin, $100; including wine.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
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And every twenty-eight days thereafter.
PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD
FIRST-CLASS:
Main Saloon..............$100 | Lower Saloon..............$80
Second class..$50.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
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FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY.
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RATES OF PASSAGE:
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Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
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REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS, sailing on the 22d of every month:
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These elegant steamers sail with regularity, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
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The favorite sidewheel steamships
SAN SALVADOR, ATKINS, Commander, sails Dec. 22.
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Through tickets and bills of lading to all points.
Elegant passenger accommodations.
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The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the Company's wharf, at Jersey City, on
MONDAY..........Dec. 31 | MONDAY..........Jan. 28
At Noon.
Passage money to Nassau......................................$45
Passage money to Havana.......................................50
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MORRO CASTLE......ADAMS.........THURSDAY, Jan. 3
EAGLE...................GREENE.......THURSDAY, Jan. 10
COLUMBIA.............BARTON........THURSDAY, Jan. 17
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THE ELEGANT SCREW-STEAMER MERRIMAC,

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FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship GEN. MEADE, Capt. A. W. SAMPSON, will leave Pier No. 9, North River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, at 3 o'clock P. M.
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The GEORGE WASHINGTON will follow Dec. 29.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of cargo per schooner SUGWASSA, which vessel was lost on Hatteras, Oct. 29, 1866, will please present their bills of lading and invoices at the office of the undersigned.
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Average Adjusters, No. 62 Wall-st.

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TO CALIFORNIA,
CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL, VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.
Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, as follows:
DEC. 21.—RISING STAR, Capt. T. A. HARRIS, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. SUTTON.
DEC. 31.—OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. ——, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. CAVARLY.
All departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.
Departure of 11th each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.
Steamer of Dec. 11, 1866, will connect with the first steamer of the Company's China Line, leaving San Francisco Jan. 1, 1867, for Hong Kong.
100 pounds baggage allowed each adult. Medicines and attendance free.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.
S. K. HOLMAN, Agent.

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TO CALIFORNIA VIA NICARAGUA.
EVERY TWENTY DAYS.
THE NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
Will dispatch the fast and elegant steamship
SANTIAGO DE CUBA,
JERRY W. SMITH, Commander,
On THURSDAY, Dec. 20, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st.,
AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
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Jan. 10, to follow, steamship SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. C. F. W. BEHM.

FOR CALIFORNIA, VIA PANAMA.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer RISING STAR will sail on FRIDAY, Dec. 21, at 12 o'clock noon.
Freight received as usual.
For rates, &c., inquire at freight office, on Company's Pier, No. 42, North River, foot of Canal-st.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.
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STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALASIA.

VIA PANAMA.
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Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
A limited quantity of merchandise will be conveyed under through bill of lading.
For further information, application to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 59 Wall-st., or to
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
The regular and popular steamship MONEKA, Capt. LEBBY, will leave on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River, landing freight on SATURDAY morning at Charleston.
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every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
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HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 19, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

8 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

10 A. M. Express and Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.

11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.

3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.

4:15 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; at Albany with Western trains and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.

6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.

11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping car attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.

A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8:30 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 2:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:15 P. M.

Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:50 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 5 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12:30 A. M.

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10 A. M.—Express Mail, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.
4 P. M.—Way, for Port Jervis, Newburgh, Warwick.
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Leave James-slip, New-York:
9 A. M., mail train for Greenport and way stations.
11 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3 P. M., Riverhead Express train.
4 P. M., for Syosset and way stations.
5 P. M., for Farmingdale and way stations, and on Saturday nights for North Islip.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 6:25 and 9:12 A. M. and 1:15 4:22 and 6:02 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:12 and 4:22 run through to Monsey.
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MEETINGS.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL AND STATISTICAL SOCIETY.—A special meeting of this Society, conjointly with the AMERICAN ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY, will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 20, at 7½ P. M., at the society's rooms in Clinton Hall, Astor-place, when a paper will be read, prepared by E. A. Duyckinck, Esq., commemorative of the life and services of the late Rev. Dr. Francis L. Hawks.

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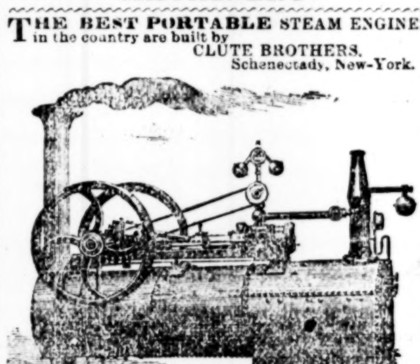

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THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.
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WEST POINT MATTERS.

Official Report of the Board of Visitors for 1866.

Suggestions Concerning Studies and Assistant Instructors.

Radical Changes Recommended in Regard to Text Books.

Cadet Appointments to be Based on Successful Competition.

From Our Special Correspondent.

WEST POINT, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1866.

The promulgation of the official report made to the Secretary of War, by the Board of Visitors to the Military Academy at this post, has attracted very general curiosity throughout the corps, and great interest in army circles throughout the country. It has been the average custom of the Visiting Boards to go through the least amount of actual work, with the smallest degree of physical discomfort or mental exertion, taking the surface as the correct view of everything, receiving the courtesies and attentions of the officers with bland affability, assisting at the cadet hop with ponderous dignity, and winding up their arduous task by a brief but comprehensive polish of everything and everybody connected with the institution. The present Board operated on an entirely different principle. Several of its members were well-known opponents of certain elements that entered prominently into the organization and working of the Academy; and all agreed that it was full time, and a proper, to have a careful, methodical and exhaustive investigation of the system, its tendencies and its results. The Superintendent (then Gen. CULLOM, of the Engineers,) met them in the spirit of frank cooperation, and several weeks were studiously spent by the members of the Board, as committees or together, in the furtherance of their purpose.

They attended the examinations and participated in them. They questioned the officers in every branch of study, discipline and *personnel*. They sent for the cadets and desired statements from them as to any grievances, real or fancied, that might exist among them, and left behind them a very general conviction that their report to the Secretary would differ materially from the stereotyped platitudes of some of their predecessors.

Since the close of their session Gen. CULLOM has been relieved, and Gen. PITCHER, a gallant and honored officer, has acted as Superintendent of the post. The historian BOYNTON continues as Adjutant and general right hand man, through whom and by whom everything is done, and the greater part of the academic and military staffs are as they were at the date of my last letter. Everything is so quiet here now that the least outside occurrence suffices for a sensation; imagine, then, what a hubbub such a document as the following has created. The suggestions concerning the studies and discipline naturally interest and affect officers and cadets alike, but the young gentlemen seem more particularly interested in that branch of the report which refers to the smallness of their pay and the propriety of relieving them of sundry expenses. The names of the

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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THE REPORT

is as follows:

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

The Board of Visitors, invited to attend the annual examination of the Military Academy at West Point, and to examine into "the actual state of discipline, instruction, police, administration, fiscal affairs, and other concerns of the Institution," beg leave most respectfully to submit the following report:

Upon the arrival of several of the members of the Board on the 1st of June, the remains of Lieut.-Gen. WINFIELD SCOTT were awaiting interment. The members thus had an opportunity to participate in the last sad rites paid to the departed hero. In commemoration of the event, and as a token of their respect to the illustrious dead, and of their deep-felt sympathy with the nation's grief, the Board adopted a series of resolutions, which are herewith submitted, and which they desire may be made a part of this report.

The majority of the Board convened at West Point on Monday, the 4th inst., and made a temporary organization. The remainder of the day was spent in making a general inspection of the public buildings, grounds, library and scientific apparatus, and a review of the corps of cadets.

On the 5th inst., all the members having reported, the Board was permanently organized. They then proceeded, by invitation of the Superintendent, to attend the examination of the first or graduating class of cadets. They continued to devote themselves assiduously to this duty until the 11th inst., when the Board divided itself into committees to attend two examinations of the other classes proceeding at the same time.

Standing committees were appointed to make a particular examination into the different departments of the institution, to which their attention was specially directed.

The general arrangements for the education of the cadets, as developed by the examination, are satisfactory. The professors give evidence of their entire fitness for their posts, and the assistant instructors, with few exceptions, seem well qualified for their responsible positions.

The subjects embraced in the course of study are appropriate and necessary to the mental and physical training required for the military profession, and, generally the system appears to be as complete and thorough as it can possibly be made under the present organization.

The examination of the first class showed a proficiency in the abstract sciences and their application to the art of war highly creditable to the capacity, industry and scholarship of the cadets, as well as to the patience, zeal and energy of their instructors. But the Board would be delinquent in duty if they failed to notice the faulty manner of interrogation of some of the assistant instructors. Their questions were propounded without sufficient distinctness of enunciation. In connection with this, also, the Board regret to have to report in some instances, in the replies of the cadets, a vagueness and diffuseness which indicated a want of proper accuracy of information, with occasional grammatical errors and inelegancies of expressions. The Board were impressed with the great difference in proficiency between the upper and lower sections of the same class, even upon a graduated scale of questions. They do not even remotely impute this to the professors, but attribute it partly to a fault in the system of the appointment of assistant instructors, and partly to the relatively different degrees of qualifications of the cadets upon their admission to the Academy.

It is proper here to state that these criticisms are chiefly applicable to the examinations in Spanish, Engineering, Ordnance and Gunnery. It is very evident that the difficulty arises to some extent from the crowding of the first class with too many studies. Sufficient time had not been devoted to these important branches of military education.

In geology, mineralogy and ethics, the exhibition was highly creditable. In the descriptions of battles, in the department of engineering, many of the cadets exhibited a pleasing talent for narrative, an accurate knowledge of history, and a thorough acquaintance with strategical and tactical movements. In the department of military tactics and the exercise of the manual of arms, the cadets displayed a precision of drill and a perfection of discipline worthy of all praise.

Before dismissing the subject of studies of the first class the Board would remark that the geological and mineralogical specimens exhibited were obviously small in number and variety and were generally of the most common kind. In view of the growing importance of these sciences, the Board would suggest an appropriation by Congress to make the necessary additions to the cabinet of minerals and geological specimens, as also to that of the sister science of chemistry. In the development of the mineral resources of the country these departments of science promise the greatest triumphs and profitable results.

The examination of the junior classes was highly satisfactory. In Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and the languages, the sections exhibited great proficiency. In mathematics the demonstrations were given with that precision and accuracy which are characteristic of the science itself, and with a promptness and fullness of illustration which were really remarkable, indicating that the instructions in this department are not surpassed by those of any institution in the world. The specimens of drawing were creditable alike to pupils and professors, and were especially commendable in view of the fact that from the absence of the chief professor, in this department, from sickness, the classes have been for several months entirely under the supervision of assistant instructors.

ERRORS AND SUGGESTIONS.

The Board would now notice more particularly some of the errors referred to above, and make such suggestions as may occur to them. They are fully convinced that the system of appointment of assistant instructors requires modification and correction. The term of service of the Assistant Professors is not fixed by law. Prior to 1856 custom permitted an officer to remain here as long as he gave satisfaction, and was himself satisfied with his position. The result was that officers remained not unfrequently ten or fifteen years. Since 1856 changes have been frequent, and at present are made dependent on the interests of the services as viewed by the Secretary of War. These frequent changes are highly objectionable, and while some excuses for this policy may be found during the last four years, in the inexorable demands of war, yet the Board regret to say that independently of any urgent necessity there is an evident and growing tendency to shorten, rather than increase the term of service of the assistant instructors.

The Board are firmly impressed with the conviction that the various departments of instruction at the Academy labor under great disadvantages in the difficulty of obtaining the services as assistant professors of officers of the highest grade of talent, and of retaining those who are detailed a sufficient length of time to give them that interest in the subjects taught, and that practical experience to teaching, which are absolutely necessary to their success as teachers. It is a mistake to suppose that any officer who has graduated at the Academy is at once qualified to act as an instructor. He must have an aptness for teaching, as well as a capacity for acquiring knowledge, and those qualities, without an actual experience of several years in the recitation room, are of little avail to the pupil.

Now that peace is restored and the services of officers are not required in the field, it is to be hoped that instructors of the highest ability and fitness will be selected for duty; that a much greater degree of permanency will be given to their position, and that every inducement consistent with the service will be offered to them to become interested in and devoted to their duties.

The Board would not attempt to fix any specific term of service, but they are of the opinion that assistant instructors should be retained at least four years, while the principal assistant professors could advantageously be assigned to duty for a longer period. The Academy would thus, they are satisfied, receive the benefits of greater experience and proficiency, while no detriment would follow from the occasional absence of the professors. The army and the country would thus secure a larger class of accomplished officers, and the system of rotation would bring out any peculiar merit in the instructors. Care, however, should be taken that the officer should not be retained so long from his corps as to weaken his sympathies for his profession.

It is worthy of consideration whether it would not be well to substitute, in part, written for oral examinations. It would throw each one more fully on his own resources, compensate for any lack of fluency of speech of some, and the natural timidity of others, and relieve the professors from any imputation of favoritism or prejudice, and from the almost inevitable tendency to ask leading questions. Moreover, in that part of the examination which continued to be oral, it is suggested that the questions should be given out to the cadets by lot—thereby insuring more justice in the distribution.

DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN.

As bearing on the moral training of the cadets, the Board are of opinion that it is eminently desirable that the Chaplain of the Post should not be a member of the Academic Board. In such an institution as this, with its strict surveillance and rigid discipline, there is an intrinsic incompatability between the position of a professor and that of a moral instructor. For the efficacy of the latter there should be a freedom from constraint, a mutual confidence, and a cordiality of intercourse, which cannot possibly exist under the present arrangement. The Board are painfully impressed with the fact that there is no provision made for religious instruction, with the exception of public service on Sunday mornings. They believe that it is entirely compatible with the highest attainment in the art of war that the soldier should be carefully taught his relation to that Being who guides in war as well as in peace, and with whom is the destiny of individuals and of nations. With these earnest convictions the Board would respectfully recommend:

First—That the Chaplain be relieved from academic duties, in order that he may devote himself exclusively to the moral and religious training of the cadet.

Second—That he be required to hold daily, in the chapel, morning prayers, upon which all who choose may have the privilege of attending.

Third—That he be required to form a class for biblical instruction on the Sabbath day, which the cadets may be earnestly invited to attend.

Fourth—That, as an additional inducement for the proper observance of the Sabbath, all military duties be dispensed with on that day, so far as it is consistent with proper military discipline.

CORPS INCREASE SUGGESTED.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the corps of cadets could be advantageously increased from 292 (the number now authorized by law) to 400. For this number they are assured by the Superintendent that there would be ample barrack-room, with very small additional expense and a slight increase in the number of assistant instructors. The records of the Academy show that for four years, between 1856 and 1860, the graduating classes numbered an average per year of 35¼ persons. In other words, we have the mortifying fact that in a nation of thirty millions of people there is annually but little over one graduate of the Military Academy for each million of the population. From the nature of our Government, its extent, the peculiar character of our frontier settlements, and the popular prejudice to a large standing army in time of peace, there is a pressing necessity for a larger class of thoroughly educated officers, competent to serve in any of the different staff corps of the army, as emergency or the demands of the service may require. The Board would cheerfully recommend even a greater increase in the number of cadets to meet the increasing demands of the service for educated and scientific officers, if they believed it would find favor with Congress.

There appears to be a constant effort on the part of the Academic Board to enlarge the course of studies even beyond what it was when it extended to five years, and to increase the size, number and subject matter of the text books. In the opinion of this Board the course should be reduced at least one-fourth. The effect of attempting to teach too much must result in imparting to the cadets but a superficial knowledge of the different subjects and in breaking down all those who have not had the advantages of previous college education. The attempt to make West Point at once an elementary school, a high school, a scientific school, and a school for the application of all the branches of science, must defeat the object of its creation.

Looking to the future and consulting the interests of the service and of the country, the Board believe that Congress, by appropriate legislation, will provide, at no distant day, for the establishment of separate schools for the application of military science, in order that the institution at West Point may better fulfil the objects and purposes of its first organization and become the great military scientific school of the nation. It would be well for us to emulate in this respect the high example of France, who, by a sub-division into the Scientific, Polytechnich and Tactical schools of Paris, Saint Cyr, Metz and Vincennes, has greatly promoted not only the efficiency of her armies, but has met more fully the demands of the nation for general scientific and tactical education.

The Board are of the opinion that the military education of the graduates at West Point might be greatly improved by obliging them after graduating to serve for a period in the different corps of the army, in order to enable them to apply in practice the principles which they have acquired at the Academy. It is accordingly recommended that hereafter graduates be required, immediately upon their leaving West Point, to enter one of the regiments of the line, and serve for at least two years before they become eligible to appointment into the engineer or other staff corps of the army. This would tend to obliterate the unkind feelings and animosities which exist between the different corps of the army.

STANDARD OF ADMISSION.

The Board deem it of greater importance to raise the standard of qualification in the cadets than to increase to any considerable extent their number. The evident deficiency in scholarship in some of the lower sections is obviously due, not so much to want of natural parts, as to deficiency in previous preparation. The standard for admission to the institution is now ridiculously low; the most ordinary classical academies and high schools demand a fuller course of preparation than is required of those seeking admission into West Point. The Board are of the opinion that the standard of admission should at least be so far elevated as to require the candidates, besides being adept in spelling, reading and writing, to be thoroughly acquainted with descriptive geography as taught in our public schools, arithmetic, the elements of English grammar and the history of the United States. The present system of appointment of cadets is so degraded by political considerations that the competitive system of examination seems to the Board absolutely necessary to secure a higher standard of qualification, and they would suggest that the members of Congress, instead of recommending one person for each vacancy, nominate a considerable number of candidates desiring admission to the Military Academy from their Congressional districts; that the persons so nominated be required to submit themselves to a Board of Examiners in their respective districts, to be designated by the Secretary of War, in respect to their educational qualifications, their mental abilities and their physical condition; and that the persons recommended by said Board as passing the best examination receive the appointments. Such a method of appointment, by exciting periodically a healthful stimulus of competition in each Congressional District, would have the double effect of promoting the cause of popular education throughout the country, and of securing to the Academy the choicest youth of the nation. Under such a competition there would no longer be any difficulty about raising the standard of qualifications. The standard would rise of its own accord, by the mere force of circumstances, as surely and inevitably as the rise of the ocean tide. Only give to all the youth of the country, who may be desirous of entering the Academy, the opportunity of a fair and open competion for it, by an impartial examination upon their merits and proficiency, and there would soon be a style of scholarship among the matriculants such as the Academy has never yet known.

DISCIPLINE OF THE ACADEMY.

The discipline of the institution seems so nearly perfect that there appears but little necessity for any change, unless it should be in the substitution of some mode of immediate punishment for mere trivial offences, distinguishing between neglect of duty and immorality of conduct. Now, oftentimes, the most trivial faults involve the general standing of the cadet, and place him in a relatively lower grade in his class than his intellectual acquirements would warrant. In the opinion of the Board, the system of demerits might be modified greatly to the advantage of the discipline of the institution. The system, as now administered, has often a depressing influence, discouraging attempts at amendment when once a cadet has gone astray. By appealing to fear as the only motive to obedience, it ignores the better and more generous part of human nature, and makes no use of hope as a controlling motive in discipline. The ambitious and high-minded cadet, who by some slight inadvertence has incurred a demerit implying no moral delinquency, is under a debt which he is never allowed to pay. No amount of scholarly or soldierly excellence can avail to restore the integrity of his academical position. The Board respectfully submit that such a system is not in keeping with the ordinary tenor of human affairs, and is not a wise method of government. We all know what a powerful incentive to gallantry in action is the hope of promotion. Let the same principle be brought to bear in some way upon the restoration to academic rank of youth who have once fallen a little behind, and it will call forth an equal gallantry in achieving academic excellence. There is, assuredly, a certain class of demerits which, under proper restrictions as to amount, a cadet ought to have the opportunity to wipe out and obliterate from the record by subsequent long-continued and honorable exertion. With this exception, we are unable to perceive in what manner the present high state of discipline prevailing at the Academy could be improved.

The police of the barracks, the mess-hall and the hospital, appear to be in most excellent condition. The cadet quarters are found to be comfortable and especially neat and cleanly. The interior arrangements are such as to afford each cadet facilities for retirement and study, at the same time subjecting him to such surveillance as to insure the due observance of the discipline required by the rules of the Academy.

In addition to some slight repairs, the barracks require a new and different system of heating and ventilation. In place of the old hot-air furnaces and flue, now in use and in a dilapidated condition, some one of the many modern improved systems for heating buildings, at a lower and more uniform temperature, either by steam or hot water, should be substituted. We were informed that during last Winter many of the rooms were untenantable from extreme cold, while others were equally so from excessive heat. Your attention is urgently called to this subject. Nothing can be more important to the health and comfort, the mental and physical development, of occupants of buildings used for study and lodging, than a proper system of heating and ventilation.

The mess-hall and culinary department are in reasonable order and cleanliness.

The hospital commends itself for the good order and cleanliness that exist throughout the entire establishment. The only wants seem to be such as would arise from the modern improvements in hospital furniture. The Board would recommend that the hospital be supplied with entirely new and appropriate furniture, such as is now generally adopted for an enlightened treatment of disease.

In the event of an increase in the number of cadets, additional buildings, changes and enlargements will be necessary for their accommodation.

For the better preservation of the many interesting mementoes and trophies of the several wars in which the nation has been involved, fire-proof buildings should be erected. Additional out-buildings and sinks with modern appliances for the use of the hospital and cadet barracks are strongly recommended as necessary and as proper sanitary measures. We concur in the recommendations heretofore made as to the necessity and importance of the removal of the magazine to some more suitable location and for the enlargement and embellishment of the Cadets' Cemetery.

The general condition of the buildings and public property indicates a careful and faithful supervision on the part of the Superintendent. The Committee on Buildings and Public Land have given this subject much consideration, to whose report you are respectfully referred for valuable suggestions and data.

THE OFFICERS.

The Superintendent has the general supervision or administration of the affairs of the institution, and of every matter relating thereto. Of this administration, the Board feel authorized to speak in the highest terms. The institution is governed with great strictness and according to the most exact principles of military discipline, and they have no hesitation in expressing their opinion that the great object and purpose of the Superintendent is to make the Academy one of the most thorough military schools in the world, and to give its graduates scholarship and soldierly qualities befitting the elevated stations to which they may be called.

The academic corps is actuated by the same high principle, and with the support of the other departments of the Government, the great object of the institution, will be attained so far as can be accomplished by education and military discipline. The Board feel constrained to suggest that, in the selection of assistant instructors, in the enforcement of rules and regulations for the government of the Academy, and in the decisions of courts-martial, unless in extraordinary cases, the recommendations of the Superintendent and Professors should be rigidly adhered to by the Secretary of War.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Military Academy appear to be accurately and satisfactorily kept. His books exhibit a full and particular statement of receipts and disbursements under their appropriate heads, and are highly creditable to that officer for neatness and exactness. The attention of the Board was naturally attracted by certain unusual charges against the cadet fund. These charges include, in addition to the cost of clothing, subsistence, books and stationery, all the expense of furniture, cooking utensils, and the cost of repairs of the same, as also that of the mess-hall, fuel, gas, the wages of the servants and pay of the purveyor of the mess commons. Many of these items the Board think should be paid from some other fund, by which the cadets should be relieved from a portion of the expenses, and thus place them upon an equally favorable footing with the cadets of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

CADET PAY, FOOD AND HABITS.

In view of the fact that the pay of cadets is barely adequate to meet all the necessary demands for their support, the Board think that the corps should be relieved from many of the assessments made upon them for incidental expenses, beside those above enumerated, and especially that for the maintenance of the band stationed at West Point, and would recommend that this band be placed upon the same footing, as to pay and emoluments, as the bands stationed at any other military post. It is quite as necessary, and the importance and magnitude of West Point as a military post require the services of a band as much as any other.

The food served at the mess commons seems to be sufficient in quantity and reasonably good in quality, but lacks variety, especially in vegetables. Great complaints exist, and with some apparent foundation, that the food is improperly cooked and very badly served. The cooking arrangements are of the rudest and most primitive kind, large iron kettles being mainly employed. The coffee cooked in this way is so blackened that it has neither the appearance nor the taste of coffee. Fresh beef of excellent quality is rendered unpalatable and unwholesome by this method of cooking, from which soups are made and served on the same day with the meats. It is a well-established fact in hygiene, that fresh meats are rendered more palatable, digestible and nutritious, when roasted or broiled, than when cooked by any other process. Soups should only be occasionally used as a diet, and then made from such meats as cannot be used for roasting. Digestion is better accomplished when the stomach receives food in a consistent and solid state than when too much expanded in a liquid form. We invite the serious attention of the Government to this subject of food, involving as it does the future health and usefulness, and perhaps the lives of the cadets.

We feel entirely satisfied, from the assurances the Board received, that from the good sense and gentlemanly instincts of the cadets they will, in the future, of their own accord, discontinue the cruel practice of "hazing" the Plebs, or fourth class, during the period of the encampment, at least to such an extent as to render it less discreditable to themselves and less annoying and cruel to their unfortunate victims.

The Board take pleasure in acknowledging their obligations to the Superintendent and members of the Academic Board, for their courtesy and assiduity in affording them every necessary facilities for the intelligent discharge of their duties.

Finally, as touching all questions, affecting all hearts, and promotive of every good, the Board would urge the more constant inculcation of that broad and vital patriotism, which has been happily defined to include "all the charities of all." The Board were pleased to see the accuracy with which the formal powers and duties of the General Government were depicted and described by some of the sections; but they think that something beyond the cold, skeleton analysis of the Constitution should be presented, and that no efforts should be spared to cherish and increase among the cadets a fervid feeling of nationality. Avoiding the narrow questions of party and the bitterness of sectional hatred, let these youthful minds grow up with some adequate knowledge of the vast and varied interests of our magnificent country. As its manifold relations of interest and inter-independence are developed to his mind, the young soldier would learn not only the magnitude of the stake for which he might be called upon to contend in war, but also the nobler and higher lesson that indolence is always inglorious, and that he is not only bound to defend his country in battle, but equally bound to strive with all the ability that God has given him to make her great and lovely in peace.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WEST POINT, June 19, 1866.

The general feeling seems to be in favor of the report. Certainly there is too much truth in the suggestions made about the excess of work demanded by the schedule, and the cadets have long considered themselves aggrieved in their mess-room. What action will be taken depends entirely upon Congress, where doubtless the results of the competitive system in the public schools of New-York and New-England will have their due influence in determining that part of the Board's recommendation.

There is nothing new of interest here. All things work together for the good of those who "bone," and as it always has been so it is at the present time.

DIABOLUS.

PROPHYLAXIS, OR THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE.—Prof. JOHN ORDINAUX, M. D., of Columbia College, delivered the annual discourse before the New-York Academy of Medicine in the small chapel of the University last evening, his subject being "Prophylaxis, or the Prevention of Disease." The speaker congratulated the Academy that at last there was a recognition of the importance of medical science by the State. He alluded to the old-fashioned notions of a diseased atmosphere, diseases at certain seasons and diseases as the immediate visitations of Providence, and welcomed the new era which had set these aside for a good and honest acknowledgement of the laws of Nature which had been established by our Creator, not to be trifled with nor disregarded, but implicitly obeyed. The establishment of the Metropolitan Board of Health was a significant indication of the growing intelligence of the age, and its enlightened transactions during the last Summer was a telling tribute to the efficacy of medical science, and especially to that branch of it which he sought to urge on that occasion as worthy of the study and examination of every medical man. The conditions which surrounded a patient was as much a part of a proper diagnosis as his physical condition. The discourse was a long one, but carefully prepared, and it was listened to by an attentive and appreciative audience.

AMERICAN LIFE.—This was the subject of an entertaining and instructive lecture, delivered by BAYARD TAYLOR, Esq., in the Twenty-fifth-street Reformed Dutch Church last evening. The close attention and warm enthusiasm of the audience indicated a thorough appreciation of the lecturer's portraiture of "American Life" in its many and various phases.

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JOHNSON—VERPLANCK.—On Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Fishkill, on Hudson, by Rev. George D. Johnson, Rector of St. Mark's, Low Point, SAM. W. JOHNSON, of New-York, to MARY N., daughter of Wm. S. Verplanck, Esq.

SHELDON—ENSIGN.—At Orange, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 13, by Rev. James Hoyt, ROLLIN B. SHELDON, of New-York, to EMILY L., daughter of Edward H. Ensign, of Orange, N. J.

WETMORE—CRYDER.—On Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Calvary Church, by Rev. E. A. Washburne, D. D., W. SHEPARD WETMORE, of China, to ANNA E., eldest daughter of John Cryder, of this City.

DIED.

BUNNELL.—Suddenly, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, JANE ELIZA, wife of William J. Bunnell, and daughter of the late Thomas Holmes.

The friends and relatives and those of her brothers, Dr. and William Holmes, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 241 South 1st-st., Williamsburgh, on Friday, 21st inst., at 1 P. M.

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BULL.—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 18, after a short illness, CAROLINE, daughter of John B. and Caroline Bull, in the 31st year of her age.

The funeral will take place from the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, corner of 10th-av. and 155th-st., on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice. Hudson River trains leave 30th-st. at 8:30 A. M. for 152d-st., and stages from Harlem every half hour.

BELL.—On Wednesday morning, Dec. 19, JESSIE ANGELINE, youngest child of Charles and Angeline A. Bell, aged 8 weeks.

Funeral to-day, (Thursday,) at 1 o'clock P. M.

ESPELETTA.—On Tuesday, Dec. 18, LOUIS A. ESPELETTA, aged 60 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral on Friday, Dec. 21, at 10½ o'clock, from the Fleet-st. A. M. E. Church, near Myrtle-av., Brooklyn.

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ELMENDORF.—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, MARIA L., widow of the late Peter Z. Elmendorf, aged 71 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of her sons-in-law, Rev. E. A. Hoffman and Samuel Sloan, are invited to attend her funeral from the residence of the latter, No. 7 West 22d-st., on Friday afternoon, the 21st inst., at 1 P. M., without further invitation.

PEET.—At East Hampton, Mass., suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 17, Mr. FREDERICK T. PEET, of Brooklyn, aged 66 years.

The funeral services will take place in St. Ann's Church, corner of Sands and Washington sts., Brooklyn, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

FITCH.—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, Mrs. ANNA J. H. FITCH, widow of Samuel M. Fitch, in the 71st year of her age.

Her funeral will take place from the Third Unitarian Church, (Rev. O. B. Frothingham's,) in 40th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., on Friday next at 1 o'clock P. M. Her friends are invited to attend.

FIELD.—On Fourth Day morning, 19th, JOSEPH FIELD, of King-st., Westchester County, aged 58 years.

Friends are requested to attend the funeral at Purchase Meeting-house, on Sixth Day, 21st, at 1 o'clock P. M.

HALSEY.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, after a brief illness, ELIZA A., wife of Dr. John C. Halsey, aged 58 years.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, No. 23 Concord-st., on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 10½ o'clock.

HOPKINS.—At Canandaigua, on Monday, Dec. 17, Mrs. SARAH ELIZABETH HOPKINS.

Funeral from the house of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Bradford, No. 229 Main-st., Geneva, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LEE.—At Warsaw, N. Y., on Sunday, Dec. 9, of consumption, SAMUEL W. LEE, of this City, in the 38th year of his age.

His remains were taken to Buffalo for interment.

MEEKER.—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, SAMUEL SPROULLS, infant son of John B. and Margaret H. Meeker, aged 1 month and 17 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 29 Fulton-st., Newark, N. J., this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock.

MARIE.—On Wednesday morning, Dec. 19, at her residence, No. 48 West 19th-st., LEONTINE, widow of the late John B. Marié, aged 71 years.

The friends of the family and of her sons are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from the Church of St. Francis Xavier, West 16th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., on Friday morning, Dec. 21, at 10 o'clock, without further invitation.

STEVENS.—On Monday evening, Dec. 17, at No. 82 9th-st., of consumption, LOUIS W. STEVENS, in the 30th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Continental Lodge No. 287, F. and A. M., are invited to attend the funeral at 1 o'clock on Friday, at the Reformed Dutch Church in 21st-st., near 6th-av.

SEGUINE.—On Monday night, Dec. 17, at his residence, Annadale, Staten Island, STEPHEN SEGUINE, in the 43d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence at 1 o'clock on Thursday next. The funeral service to be held at the Moravian Church, New-Dorp, at 2¼ o'clock.

SHIERS.—On Monday, Dec. 17, ANNE R. SHIERS, widow of the late Thomas Shiers.

The friends of her family are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 77 West 12th-st., on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 10 A. M.

VAN WYCK.—Suddenly, at Fishkill Plains, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, ABRAHAM D. VAN WYCK, in the 82d year of his age.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend his funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Van Wyck, on Friday, Dec. 21, at 1 o'clock P. M.

VANDERBURGH.—On Wednesday, Dec. 19, after a long and painful illness, JAMES A. VANDERBURGH, of Los Angeles, Cal., aged 37 years.

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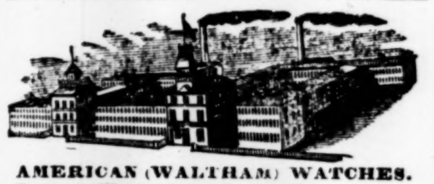

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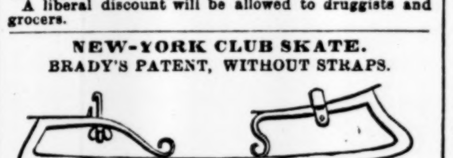

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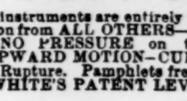

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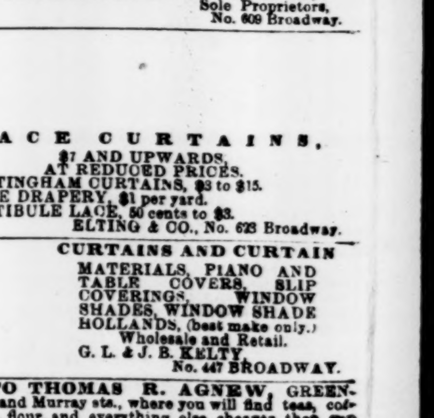

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